



## Law enforcement faces dilemma in assessing online threats

By LISA MARIE PANE  
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**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** — Their anger is all over social media for the whole world to see, with rants about minorities, relationships gone bad or paranoid delusions about perceived slights.

The perpetrators of mass shootings often provide a treasure trove of insight into their violent tendencies, but the information is not always seen by law enforcement until after the violence is carried out.

In addition, rants and hate speech rarely factor into whether someone passes a background check to buy guns.

The massacre at a Pittsburgh synagogue, the pipe bombing attempts from last week and the Florida high school shooting this year have underscored the dilemma of law enforcement around the country in assessing the risk of people making online rants at a time when social media has become so ubiquitous.



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A message on the site Gab is displayed on an iPhone in New York on Monday, Oct. 29, 2018.

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# Under Trump, federal death penalty cases are ticking up



In this Dec. 15, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump, left, appears with Attorney General Jeff Sessions during the FBI National Academy graduation ceremony in Quantico, Va.

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Before a suspect was even publicly named, President Donald Trump declared that whoever gunned down 11 people in a Pittsburgh synagogue should “suffer the ultimate price” and that the death penalty should be brought back “into vogue.” Trump has largely gotten his wish, at least on the federal level, with death penalty cases ticking back up under his Justice Department after a near-moratorium on such prosecutions in President Barack Obama’s last term, when he directed a broad review of capital punishment and issues surrounding lethal injection. Trump’s attorney general, Jeff Sessions, has so far approved at least a dozen death penalty prosecutions over the past two years, according to court filings tracked by the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel, with cases ranging from the high profile to the relatively obscure. They include the man charged with using a rented truck to fatally mow down

eight people on a New York City bike path a year ago; three men charged in a fatal armored truck robbery in New Orleans; a gang suspect in Detroit charged with “murder in aid of racketeering”; and a man charged with fatally shooting a tribal police officer in New Mexico on the nation’s largest American Indian reservation.

The tally could grow higher over the next two months as federal prosecutors await Sessions’ decision in several other cases, including against the alleged synagogue shooter, Robert Bowers, who faces federal hate crime charges and 11 counts of murder.

By comparison, in Obama’s final year in office the Justice Department authorized just one capital prosecution, that of Dylann Roof, the white supremacist who fatally shot nine black people in 2015 during a church service in Charleston, South Carolina.

But while the Justice Department under Trump has increased death penalty prosecutions, the numbers are not entirely out of line

with those earlier in the Obama administration under Attorney General Eric Holder, who approved 11 capital prosecutions in 2009 and at least 13 in 2012.

And both the Trump and Obama administrations pale in comparison to that of President George W. Bush and his attorney general John Ashcroft, who in 2003 alone signed off on capital prosecutions against more than three dozen defendants, at times overruling his own prosecutors when they recommended against seeking capital punishment.

What makes Trump different, death penalty experts say, is that he publicly advocates for the ultimate punishment in specific cases.

“I think they should very much bring the death penalty into vogue,” Trump told reporters Saturday shortly after news came of the synagogue shooting. “Anybody that does a thing like this to innocent people that are in temple or in church. We had so many incidents with churches. They should really suffer the ultimate

price.”

And he took to Twitter just a day after last year’s Manhattan bike path attack to call suspect Sayfullo Saipov a “Degenerate Animal” and argue he “**SHOULD GET DEATH PENALTY!**”

Trump also said this year that capital punishment should be used to prosecute drug traffickers. Sessions followed a day later with a memo urging prosecutors to seek the death penalty “for certain drug-related crimes,” including killings occurring during drug trafficking.

“If we’re to be a nation of laws, then the legal process has to be allowed to play itself out without being subject to political manipulation,” said Robert Dunham, executive director of the Washington-based Death Penalty Information Center. “Charging decisions should be made based on the evidence, not based on politics and not based on political pressure.”

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Trump was a vocal proponent of the death penalty

for decades before taking office, most notably in 1989 when the real estate magnate took out full-page advertisements in New York City newspapers urging elected officials to “**BRING BACK THE DEATH PENALTY**” following the rape of a jogger in Central Park. “If the punishment is strong,” he wrote at the time, “the attacks on innocent people will stop.”

Five Harlem teenagers were convicted in the Central Park case but had their convictions vacated years later after another man confessed to the rape. The city agreed to pay the so-called Central Park Five \$41 million more than a decade after their exoneration — a settlement Trump blasted as “outrageous.”

Polls show a majority of Americans still back the death penalty, but support has been declining in recent years. A 2017 Gallup poll showed 55 percent of Americans supported the death penalty for a person convicted or murder, the lowest percentage in 45 years.

The death penalty remains legal in 30 states, but only a handful regularly conduct executions. Texas has executed 108 prisoners since 2010, far more than any other state.

But such executions on the federal level have been rare. The government has put to death only three defendants since restoring the federal death penalty in 1988, the most recent of which occurred in 2003, when Louis Jones was executed for the 1995 kidnapping, rape and murder of a young female soldier.

In 2014, following a botched state execution in Oklahoma, Obama directed the Justice Department to conduct a broad review of capital punishment and issues surrounding lethal injection drugs. It remains unclear today what came of that review and whether it will change the way the federal government carries out executions.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons did not respond to requests for comment. □





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"We can go out on Twitter and there are loads of people saying insane stuff, but how do you know which is the one person? It's always easy after the fact, to go: 'That was clear.' But clearly everyone spouting their mouth doesn't go and shoot up a synagogue," said David Chipman, a retired agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and now senior policy adviser for the Giffords Center.

Robert Bowers, the man accused of opening fire at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, expressed virulently anti-Semitic views on a social media site called Gab, according to an Associated Press review of an archived version of the posts made under his name. The cover photo for his account featured a neo-Nazi symbol, and his recent posts included a photo of a fiery oven like those used in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Other posts referenced false conspiracy theories suggesting the Holocaust was a hoax.

It was only just before the shooting that the poster believed to be Bowers seemed to cross the line, posting: "I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I'm going in." Authorities say Bower killed 11 people and injured six others, including four officers who responded.

Keeping tabs on social media posts has been used for years by law enforcement to try to identify potential threats. The task is enormous and it's an inexact science. The volume of

posts is significant and the question arises: Is something a true threat or free speech?

They are mindful of the fact that the First Amendment protects Americans' right to express even speech that many in society find abhorrent — and have to make often-subjective decisions about what crosses the line. Among more than 550 police departments across the country surveyed several years ago by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, about three-quarters said they regularly searched social media for potential threats. Lt. Chris Cook, spokesman for the Arlington, Texas, Police Department, said the searches are often done manually, using keywords to try to identify troubling posts. "It's very time consuming, it's very staff and resource intensive and you have humans involved in the process so there is the potential that law enforcement can miss something," Cook said, adding that departments can't rely on social media alone. The community needs to be involved to report any suspicious behavior.

"Everyone has to be our extra eyes and ears out there," he said.

In one case where vigilance paid off, authorities say a black woman received troubling racist, harassing messages on Facebook from a man she didn't know, prompting her to call police. The tip from the New Jersey woman led Kentucky police to a home where they found Dylan Jarrell with a firearm, more than 200 rounds of ammunition, a bulletproof vest, a 100-round high-capacity

magazine and a "detailed plan of attack." He was arrested just as he was leaving his driveway.

Dylann Roof, convicted of the 2015 slaying of nine black churchgoers in South Carolina, had posted a 2,000-word racist rant and posed in photos with firearms and the Confederate flag. Nikolas Cruz, the teenager charged in the slaying of 17 students and adults at a high school in Parkland, Florida, hurled online slurs against blacks and Muslims, and went so far as to state he wanted to be a "professional school shooter."

The rants did not affect their ability to buy guns. When purchasing a fire-



In this Oct. 28, 2018, file photo a Pittsburgh Police officer walks past the Tree of Life Synagogue and a memorial of flowers and stars in Pittsburgh in remembrance of those killed and injured when a shooter opened fire during services Saturday at the synagogue.

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arm, criminal background checks only look for any records showing a criminal past or mental health problems that led to an involuntary commitment. □



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## America's gender, racial divides on display in House races

By **LISA MASCARO**  
AP Congressional Correspondent

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Perhaps nowhere is the choice facing voters next Tuesday more vividly on display than in the battle for control of the U.S. House. Democrats are fielding more women and minority candidates than ever, while Republicans are trying to hold their majority with mostly white men.

The disparity highlights a trend that has been amplified under President Donald Trump, with the two parties increasingly polarized along gender and racial lines as much as by issues. The result is that, in an election season playing out against the backdrop of bomb threats, violence and a charged immigration debate, the parties are presenting voters starkly different pictures of American leadership.

Democrats have nominated more than 180 female candidates for the House, a new record. But while voters could send more than 100 of them to victory, Republicans could have fewer women than now in their ranks next year due to retirements and tough races, according to election analysts. Overall, nearly 9 in 10 House Republicans will be white men when the new Congress convenes in January.

The racial divide is even starker. House Republicans now count just over a dozen minority members, a number that's not expected to change much after the election. The lack of minorities in the conference comes into sharp visual focus when House Republicans gather in a large group, as they did last December when they



In this Dec. 20, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks during an event on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, to acknowledge the final passage of tax overhaul legislation by Congress.

celebrated the passage of tax cuts with Trump at the White House.

Meanwhile, African-American, Latino and Asian-American lawmakers make up almost half the House Democratic caucus. And for the first time, less than half the Democratic candidates for the House are white men, and the Democrats are poised to send the first Native American and Muslim-American women to the House. It's what the Reflective Democracy Campaign calls a "historic shift." After Tuesday's election, it's likely that 87 percent of Republicans in the House will be white men, compared to just 37 percent for Democrats, said David Wasserman, who analyzes races for the Cook Political Report.

Marc Hetherington, a professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said the trend began long before this year's election.

"There's a relatively easy explanation — the Republican Party over the past 20 years has become the party of white men," he said. At the same time, "Democrats have come to be seen as the party of minorities."

Political scientists have been debating whether Congress' low approval rating — now 21 percent — has something to do with lawmakers not seeming to reflect the country they represent, said Matt Barreto, a professor at UCLA who is also a pollster working to mobilize Latino voters this cycle. Overall, while the House is closer to reflecting the makeup of the country, which is still majority white, the representation is lopsided between the parties. "Everyone wants a representative from their community to stand up for their issues," Barreto said. For the House, he said, "It's the entire point: They're representatives."

Democrats need a net

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gain of 23 seats to win back the House in the election on Tuesday. Enthusiasm has seemed to be on their side, especially in fundraising, but it's unclear if that energy will be enough to win districts that swung to Trump in 2016 or have traditionally favored Republicans. The outcome could hinge on the suburbs, where Democrats are hoping that a voter backlash against Trump and GOP policies will help carry their candidates to victory.

One closely watched race is outside of Richmond, Virginia, where Republican Rep. Dave Brat, a one-time tea party favorite, is facing a stiff challenge from political newcomer Abigail Spanberger, a former CIA operative.

Brat was campaigning over the weekend at the Innsbrook Pumpkin Palooza, pausing to watch a pumpkin catapult as he mingled with voters. Trump supporter Jen Dodge from

nearby Glen Ellen said she's all for bringing more diversity to Congress. But as an employment recruiter, she said she also wants the best candidate for the job. And she said she appreciates what the president and the Republican Congress have done for the economy, especially by passing tax cuts. "We really need people in the Congress who are going to speak the best for the people," she said. Brat, she said, "does what he says he's going to do."

Down the road at a community forum with Spanberger, optometrist Lisa Bennett said she wants lawmakers who listen to voters. "American people are frustrated," she said, recalling the protesters who confronted senators on Capitol Hill over Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court. "You shouldn't have to stand in an elevator and yell at your representative."

The diversity gap between the parties has been growing since the civil rights battles of the 1960s, when white voters shifted toward Republicans and the party's support from African-Americans plummeted.

After conducting a poll of 72 competitive House districts, the Cook Political Report and LSU Maniship School said this year's election "feels like 2010, in reverse." Almost half of Americans, 49 percent "feel frustrated" about Trump's presidency. That's the same share who said they felt frustrated about President Barack Obama during that year's midterm elections, when Democrats lost the majority in a wave election fueled by conservative newcomers eager to confront the White House. □



# Official: Mafia hit man suspected in Whitey Bulger's slaying

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Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — A Mafia hit man who is said to hate "rats" is under suspicion in the slaying of former Boston crime boss and longtime FBI informant James "Whitey" Bulger, who was found dead hours after he was transferred to a West Virginia prison, an ex-investigator briefed on the case said Wednesday.

The former official said that Fotios "Freddy" Geas and at least one other inmate are believed to have been involved in Bulger's killing. The longtime investigator was not authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity. Authorities have not disclosed the cause of death. Among the many unanswered questions after Bulger was found dead on Tuesday: Why was he moved to the prison? And why was a frail 89-year-old like Bulger — a known "snitch" — placed in the general population instead of more protective housing? Attorney Hank Brennan said Bulger had a hip injury and was in a wheelchair when he was attacked. Brennan represented Bulger during his 2013 trial. Geas, 51, and his brother were sentenced to life in prison in 2011 for their roles in several violent crimes, including the 2003 killing of Adolfo "Big Al" Bruno, a Genovese crime family boss who was gunned down in a Springfield, Massachusetts, parking lot.

Private investigator Ted McDonough, who knew Geas, told The Boston Globe: "Freddy hated rats."

"Freddy hated guys who abused women. Whitey was a rat who killed women. It's probably that simple," McDonough told the newspaper, which first reported that Geas was under suspicion.

It was not clear whether Geas has an attorney. Several other lawyers who represented him over the years didn't immediately re-

spond to a request for comment. An FBI spokeswoman in Pittsburgh declined to comment on Geas. Federal officials said only that they are investigating the death as a homicide. "What I don't understand is why the Federal Bureau of Prisons would transfer a super high-publicity inmate, who is a known snitch, to general population of a high-security prison," said Cameron Lindsay, a former federal prison warden who now works as a jail security consultant. "You've got to be smarter than that." He added: "If I was the warden of Hazelton, I would have never, ever allowed him to be put within my general population. It is just too risky."

Bulger's death was the third killing in the past six months at the prison, where union officials have raised concerns about dozens of vacant jobs. Two inmates were killed in fights with other prisoners in September and April.

Five members of Congress wrote to Attorney General Sessions last week about what they saw as chronic understaffing at USP Hazelton and other federal prisons. Bulger led South Boston's Irish mob for decades and became an FBI informant who supplied information on the New England Mafia, his gang's main rival, in an era when bringing down the Italian mob was a top national priority for the bureau.

Tipped off that he was about to be indicted, Bulger became a fugitive and eluded authorities for 16 years before being captured in 2011. He was convicted in 2013 in 11 underworld slayings and a long list of other crimes and was sentenced to spend the rest of his life behind bars.

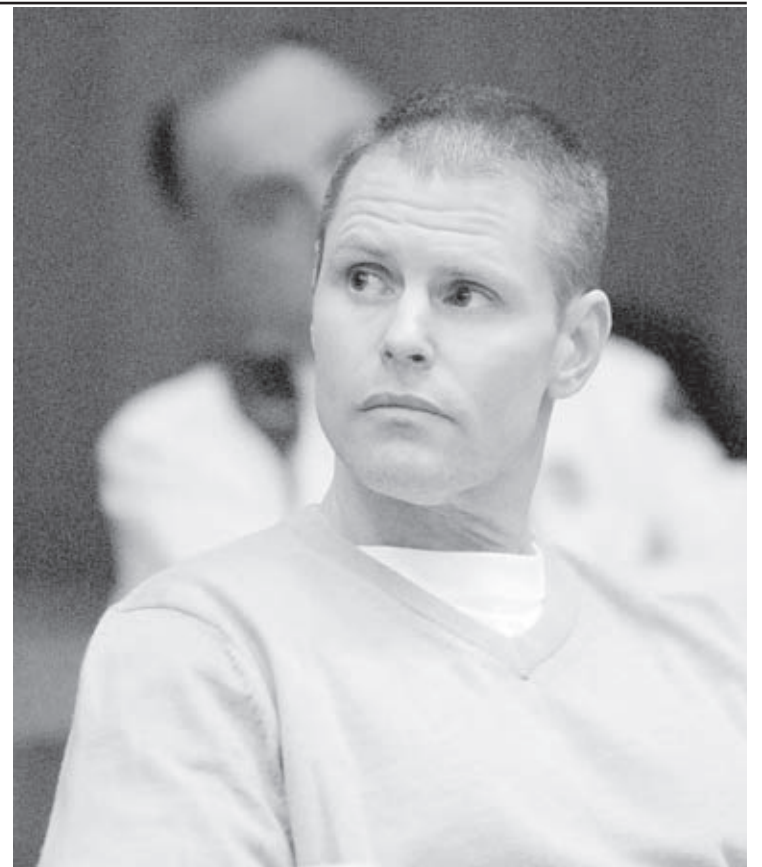
He had just arrived Monday at USP Hazelton, a high-security prison in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia. He had previously been in a prison in Florida, with a stopover at a transfer facility in Oklahoma City. Federal Bureau

of Prisons officials and his attorney declined to comment on why he was being moved.

Bulger's attorney, J.W. Carney Jr., blamed his death on prison officials, saying Bulger "was sentenced to life in prison, but as a result of decisions by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, that sentence has been changed to the death penalty."

Bureau of Prison officials had no comment on Carney's remarks.

The Geas brothers were not made members of the Mafia because they were Greek, not Italian. But they were close associates of the mob and acted as enforcers. □



In this April 14, 2009 photo, Fotios "Freddy" Geas appears for a court proceeding in his defense in the Al Bruno murder case, in Springfield, Mass.

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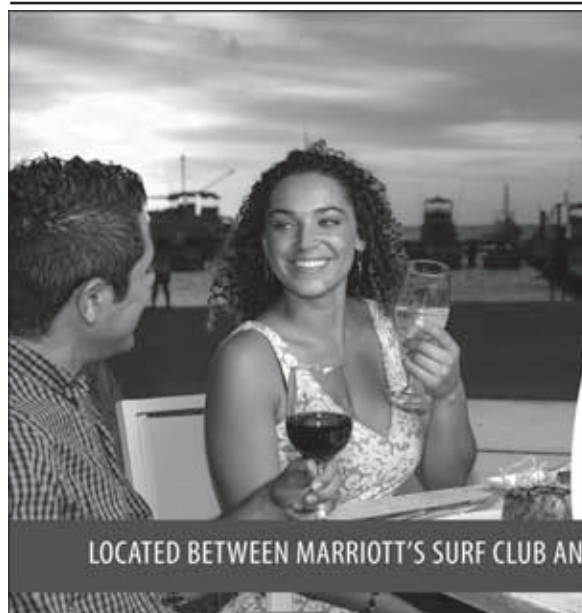
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**Officials: California dam spillway will be ready for rain**



In this Nov. 30, 2017 file photo cranes sit on the sides of the Oroville Dam spillway, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in Oroville, Calif.

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**By JONATHAN J. COOPER**  
**Associated Press**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**

— California water officials said Wednesday that the \$1.1 billion spillway at the nation's tallest dam will be in full working order if it's needed this winter, nearly two years after it was damaged and thousands were forced to flee.

Crews have finished pouring concrete on the main spillway at Oroville Dam, though it still needs to cure for a month and other work is necessary before it can

be used, the California Department of Water Resources announced. Crews will also continue pouring concrete on an adjacent emergency spillway.

Both spillways at the dam, which is about 150 miles (240 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco, crumbled and fell away during heavy rains in early 2017, prompting fears of a catastrophic release of water. State officials had assured the public for days leading up to the failures that the dam could handle rising

waters amid persistent and heavy rains. Then on Feb. 12, 2017, officials ordered an immediate evacuation, fearing that a concrete weir that holds water in the lake could collapse within an hour. The panic of the sudden evacuation turned into frustration and anger when many of the evacuees found themselves stuck in gridlocked traffic hours after fleeing the danger zone. Residents were allowed home a few days later after water behind the dam receded and the

danger passed.

State officials promised to be done with concrete work by Nov. 1 so there would be enough time for it to dry and be used by December. With that goal met, crews will need to fill small holes left by the construction process, seal joints and place sand and rock outside the walls.

On the emergency spillway, crews have poured concrete to line a portion of a hillside to prevent a repeat of the erosion that caused the 2017 scare.

They still need to pour more concrete to link that splash-pad with the concrete weir at the top.

"More than 700 construction workers ... literally worked day and night to make incredible progress during the 2018 construction season," Tony Meyers, project manager for the Department of Water Resources, said in a statement. Officials said in September that the cost for reconstruction had ballooned to \$1.1 billion and said the figure could still rise. The water agency plans to ask the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay 75 percent of the repair costs after the project is finished. The rest would be borne by State Water Project customers, including massive Southern California water districts.

Last winter crews had a portion of the spillway rebuilt for the rainy season but were not able to use it at its full capacity. The water level was kept far below normal levels and it was never used.

With the spillway completely fully rebuilt, it can handle water flows up to 270,000 cubic feet per second (7,645 cubic meters per second), the maximum for which it was originally designed in the 1960s.

DWR officials said Wednesday they'll again keep the water level low this winter to try and avoid using the spillway while work continues around it on the emergency spillway, site clean-up, road repair and other related projects. □



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## Highway worker helps find woman who spent 6 days in desert

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A woman spent six days in the Arizona desert after her car veered off a highway, surviving injuries from the crash and getting rescued after roadway workers noticed a broken fence, authorities said Wednesday.

The Department of Public Safety said two state transportation workers and a rancher were corralling a bull on the other side of a fence along a highway on Oct. 18 in the town of Wickenburg, about an hour's drive northwest of Phoenix, when they saw the fence was unusually damaged.

"I said, 'There's tracks right off the edge of the road through the fence,'" Zach Moralez, a highway operations technician, told The Associated Press. "I said, 'Hop over that hill, I bet you there's a car down there.'"

The three saw a mangled car entangled in a mesquite tree, made their way to the bottom of the hill and checked the car. It was empty. Nobody answered their hollering, Moralez said. A DPS trooper arrived, and by then, other members of a maintenance crew showed up. They all fanned out. Moralez said his brother, the rancher, spotted a footprint.

The group followed the tracks for about 500 yards (457 meters) and found a 53-year-old woman severely dehydrated and with serious injuries in a dry riverbed.

"She was in the fetal position, and there was no movement," Moralez said. "We started asking her a bunch of questions: 'How long have you been here? Do you have any pain?'"

Despite being somewhat lethargic and in pain, she was alert enough to open her eyes and answer questions.

Moralez said she was dirty from sleeping on the ground for a couple of days and had facial trauma — likely from the accident. She was airlifted to a hospital about 15 minutes later.

The woman recounted how she was driving on U.S. 60 on Oct. 12 when she lost control of her car, according to the trooper. The vehicle went through the fence and dropped 50 feet (15 meters), landing in the tree. She stayed inside her car for several days before trying to walk toward some railroad tracks to find help, but she was too weak to make it, authorities said.

DPS spokesman Quentin Mehr said the woman is de-



In this Oct. 18, 2018, photo provided by the Arizona Department of Public Safety is the scene where authorities say they rescued a seriously injured woman who spent six days in the desert after crashing her car near Wickenburg, Ariz.

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clining all media requests and did not give any details about her current condition.

DPS Director Col. Frank Minstead commended the transportation workers and the rancher.

"Due to their outstanding efforts, this woman's life

was saved," he said in a statement.

Moralez said it's a good feeling to know that he helped make the difference between life and death for someone.

"I believe people are put in the right place in the right time," he said. □

## Son says he killed parents, bodies found in Illinois river

**PEORIA, ILL. (AP)** — The bodies of a college professor and her husband have been recovered from a river in central Illinois and their 21-year-old son, who said he was "sick of his parents" according to authorities and stabbed them to death, has been charged with first-degree murder.

The bodies of Susan Brill de Ramirez and Antonio Ramirez Barron, both 63, were found Tuesday in the Spoon River near Anawan, resting against the riverbank, Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood said.

Jose Ramirez was arrested and charged on Monday after confessing to killing his parents, Peoria County

Sheriff Brian Asbell said. Ramirez has been appointed a public defender and is being held on a \$3 million bond.

Judge Sean Donahue scheduled his arraignment for Nov. 29.

Peoria County Assistant State's Attorney Dave Kenny said during a bond hearing Tuesday that Ramirez told friends he was "sick of his parents" and that he had killed them on Friday. Ramirez waited until his parents were sleeping then went into their bedroom at their home near Peoria, Kenny said. He used pepper spray as a distraction and stabbed his father in the stomach and neck, then stabbed his mother when



This Oct. 29, 2018, booking photo provided by the Peoria County Jail in Illinois shows Matthew Roberts, who is charged with obstruction and concealment of a homicidal death in the killings of Susan Brill de Ramirez and Antonio Ramirez Barron of Princeville, Ill.

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she woke up, Kenny said. Ramirez then wrapped the bodies in a tarp and a tent, put them in his father's SUV and drove about 50 miles (80 kilometers) to the Henry County community of Anawan, where he dumped them off a bridge into a waterway, authorities said. Peoria County sheriff's deputies found blood and signs of a struggle in the family home Sunday after a call from a concerned relative, Asbell said.

The couple last reported to work Thursday at Bradley University in Peoria, where Brill de Ramirez was an English professor and Ramirez Barron worked in the school's information technology department. □



# Supply shortages plague Canada's new cannabis marketplace

By **ROB GILLIES and TRACEY LINDEMAN**

**Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — The name of the store is High North, but it might as well be named High and Dry because for all but about four hours of the first two weeks since marijuana was legalized in Canada, there was no pot to sell.

Trevor Tobin, one of the owners of the Labrador City shop in Newfoundland and Labrador, said they went 10 straight days without supply.

"The producers keep saying there will be some bumps in the road, but right now it's not a bump in the road. It's a big pothole," he said.

His mother, Brenda Tobin, is a part-owner and said that after she tells customers there's nothing to buy, "a lot of them are saying, 'Oh, well. I guess it's back to the black market.'"

Legalization arrived Oct. 17, and Canada became the world's largest national marketplace for so-called recreational marijuana. But for now, it's a superlative in name only.

The first weeks have felt more like a soft opening with few retail outlets operating and rampant supply shortages. It's not because Canada can't produce enough cannabis products — licensing those producers has been slow, and the federal government is tak-



In this Oct. 17, 2018, file photo, people check out the sample counter at a cannabis store in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

ing steps to speed up the process.

The provinces are handling the sales and most of the regulations. Reports from around the country are similarly discouraging when it comes to supply.

Quebec closed its government-run shops for three days this week because of a lack of pot and will continue to keep them shut Mondays through Wednesdays until availability is stabilized.

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries said it expects product shortages in both brick-and-mortar and online stores could last six months.

Ontario, Canada's most populous province, won't have any stores open until April at the earliest as the new conservative government writes regulations. Meantime, police have shut down at least 11 illegal dispensaries in the province.

Ontario residents who want to make legal purchases are flooding the online government store. At least 150,000 orders arrived in the first week, more than all other provinces combined, and the store can't keep up.

Contributing to the delivery problem is a strike by work-

ers at Canada Post, the nation's postal service that handles online marijuana orders that are legal countrywide.

British Columbia, the third-largest province by population and a place that historically supplied much of the country's illegal weed, still has just one retail store.

Across Canada, people are returning to the black market. And some never left.

Corey Stone, a 32-year-old bar-restaurant manager in Montreal, and his friend were first in line at Quebec's government-run cannabis

store on Oct. 17, but he hasn't been back because of the supply problems and has been getting his pot illegally.

In the capital of Ottawa, Ontario Capital Buds is one of the last holdouts after most of the illegal dispensaries in town closed on Oct. 16 so they could file for legal operating licenses. Business is booming — at 11 a.m. on a recent chilly, gray day, the waiting room was packed.

Blake Murchison, 62, was among the customers. He didn't try visiting the government's online store.

"Why? There's a postal strike!" he laughed. "I'm not patient. It's a matter of convenience, really. Or inconvenience."

Devyn Stackhouse, a 30-year-old student at Ottawa's Algonquin College, did go to the government website on Oct. 17 and placed two orders for five pre-rolled joints and a gram each of four cannabis strains.

After waiting more than a week to get a delivery, Stackhouse went to an illegal dispensary.

"If (the government) were serious about access, serious about smothering the black market, then more resources would have been allocated to the OCS," Stackhouse said, referring to the Ontario Cannabis Store website. □

# Iran summons Danish envoy over alleged deadly Tehran plot

By **NASSER KARIMI**

**Associated Press**

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iran on Wednesday summoned the Danish ambassador to Tehran over Copenhagen's allegations about an Iranian plot to kill an opposition activist in Denmark, the official IRNA news agency reported. Iran expressed a "strong protest" to Ambassador Danny Annan over what it described as the Danish officials' "hasty, political" and "uncalculated actions" in the case.

The development came after Denmark's intelligence agency said on Tuesday that a police operation last month that briefly cut off



In this file photo dated Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, families of victims of Saturday's terror attack on a military parade in the southwestern city of Ahvaz, that killed 25 people mourn at a mass funeral ceremony, in Ahvaz, Iran.

**Associated Press**

Copenhagen from the rest of Denmark stemmed from an alleged Iranian plot to kill an opposition activist. It said a suspect in the case, a Norwegian citizen of Iranian descent, has denied wrongdoing and is being held in pre-trial custody until Nov. 8.

Iran's Foreign Ministry strongly denied the plot allegation, calling it part of enemy plans aimed at damaging Iran-EU relations. Danes say intelligence shows Iran was planning to kill a member of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahwaz, or ASMLA, a group that Tehran has blamed for the Sept. 22

terror attack on a military parade in the Iranian city of Ahvaz that killed at least 25 people. ASMLA condemned the violence and said it was not involved.

Denmark condemned Iran for the alleged plot and recalled Annan, the ambassador to Tehran, for consultations.

Annan left Iran on Wednesday, shortly after being summoned to the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

"We are looking at the situation in Denmark as being very serious and not least because there is a Norwegian of Iranian descent involved," Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg said. □





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## Austria says it won't sign UN global migration pact

By **GEIR MOULSON**  
Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The Austrian government said Wednesday that it won't sign a global compact to promote safe and orderly migration, citing concerns about national sovereignty as it joined neighboring Hungary in shunning the agreement.

Conservative Chancellor Sebastian Kurz took office last December in a coalition with the nationalist, anti-migration Freedom Party. Austria currently holds the European Union's rotating presidency, and Kurz has made curbing unregulated migration a priority.

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which won't be legally binding, was finalized under U.N. auspices in July. It is due to be formally approved at a Dec. 11-12 meeting in Marrakech, Morocco.

Kurz and Vice Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache said Austria won't sign the document or send an offi-

cial representative to Marrakech. They cited, among other things, fears about a possible watering-down of the distinction between legal and illegal migration.

"There are some points that we view critically and where we fear a danger to our national sovereignty," Kurz said, the Austria Press Agency reported.

"Migration is not and cannot become a human right," added Strache, the Freedom Party's leader. "It cannot be that someone receives a right to migration because of the climate or poverty."

In September 2016, all 193 U.N. member states, including the United States under President Barack Obama, adopted a declaration saying no country can manage international migration on its own, and agreed to launch a process leading to the adoption of a global compact in 2018.

But last December, the United States said it was ending its participation in negotiations on the compact,

stating that numerous provisions were "inconsistent with U.S. immigration and refugee policies" under President Donald Trump.

In July, Hungary said it would withdraw from the process.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto said then that the pact was contrary to his country's interests because while it had some positive aims, like fighting human trafficking, overall it considered migration an unstoppable and positive phenomenon worthy of support.

The compact has 23 objectives that seek to boost cooperation to manage migration and numerous actions ranging from technical issues like the portability of earnings by migrant workers to reducing the detention of migrants.

Austria's interior minister, Herbert Kickl, denounced what he called "an almost irresponsibly naive pro-migration tone."

Kickl contended that "it is simply not clear whether



Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, Austrian Vice Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache and Austrian President Alexander Van Der Bellen, from left, review recruits on the occasion of national holiday celebrations at Vienna's Heldenplatz, Austria, Friday, Oct. 26, 2018.

Associated Press

this pact, if we were to join it, would not at some point or somehow influence our body of law, even by the back door."

Austria's opposition criticized the decision.

In Brussels, Natasha Bertaud, a spokeswoman for the EU's executive Commission, said it regrets Austria's decision and is seeking more details from Vienna.

"We continue to believe that migration is a global challenge where only global solutions and global responsibility-sharing will bring results," she said at a regular briefing.

EU heavyweight Germany reaffirmed its support for the pact, which foreign ministry spokesman Rainer Breul said is "necessary and important." □

## UK chief Brexit negotiator says he expects deal by Nov 21

By **JILL LAWLESS**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Britain's Brexit secretary has told lawmakers that he expects a long-elusive divorce deal with the European Union to be finalized before Nov. 21, though there is still little sign of a breakthrough on the vexed issue of the Irish border.

Dominic Raab told Parliament's Exiting the EU Committee in a letter that he would give evidence to the panel "when a deal is finalized, and currently expect 21 November to be

suitable."

The committee released the Oct. 24 letter Wednesday. Raab's Department for Exiting the European Union said later "there is no set date for the negotiations to conclude" and that the secretary mentioned Nov. 21 in response to a suggestion that he appear before the committee on that date.

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but London and Brussels have not reached an agreement on their divorce terms and a smooth transition to a new relationship. The

stalemate has heightened fears that the U.K. might leave without a deal in place, leading to chaos at ports and economic turmoil.

Prime Minister Theresa May has said a Brexit deal is 95 percent done, but the two sides remain at odds over the issue of the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

Britain and the EU agree there must be no customs posts or other barriers that could disrupt businesses and residents on either side of the border and un-

dermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace process. But the two parties have rejected each other's proposed solution.

Raab said in his letter that "despite our differences, we are not far from an agreement on this issue." He said the U.K. and the EU agree "on the principle of a U.K.-wide customs backstop" — a plan to keep the U.K. in a customs union with the bloc, rendering border checks on goods unnecessary.

Britain has said such a solution must be temporary, while the EU wants a per-

manent fix. But Raab said agreement should be possible, and "the end is now firmly in sight."

An Oct 17-18 EU summit that had been billed as the deadline for a breakthrough ended with the talks still deadlocked. But behind-the-scenes talks have continued.

Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said Wednesday in Paris that a deal in the next month was feasible, but "if they want to conclude the text of a withdrawal treaty in November, then the negotiations need to intensify." □



## Okinawa's new leader speaks about U.S. military bases in Japan

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI** and **YURI KAGEYAMA**

**Associated Press**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Denny Tamaki, the newly elected governor of Okinawa, is the first person with an American parent to lead the southern Japanese island, campaigning on a longtime popular demand to reduce the U.S. military presence there.

Tamaki is planning to visit the U.S. to talk to people and try to gain their understanding about what he sees as Okinawa's shouldering an unfair burden of hosting U.S. troops. At the center of contention is relocating a U.S. air base from densely populated Futenma to less-crowded Henoko on the east coast. Early construction has begun at Henoko, but it's far from finished. The U.S. and Japan's central government support the relocation, and government ministries have rejected Okinawa's legal maneuvers to block the construction.

Tamaki, 59, spoke with The Associated Press on Wednesday. Questions and responses have been edited for clarity and length.

**Q:** What is at the root of the problem in Okinawa with the U.S. military bases?

**A:** How long is it going to be Okinawa? How much longer? When you ask these



**Governor of Okinawa, Denny Tamaki, speaks during an interview with the Associated Press in Tokyo, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

questions, the answer was that we just don't need any more bases, and that answer was reflected in the election results this time. The people of Okinawa have opposed this new base for more than two decades and so there is a basic mistake in Henoko.

They say Henoko is the only one, Henoko is the only solution. But we think that it is definitely not the case and that they're refusing to think critically. The American side has made multiple proposals under reorganization plans and the Japanese government should consider them. The Japanese government should be relaying ways to put Okinawa at ease and to promote peace in Japan along with the message

of the people reflected by my election victory to the American government.

**Q:** What is your view on Okinawa's history and how that fits in with peace and the base problem?

**A:** There are things that we Okinawans must speak up because we feel strongly about peace because of Okinawa's history and that is connected to the very core of our hearts. In the Battle of Okinawa, more than 100,000 civilians were killed. Harsh battles were fought and sacrifices were made. The tragedy should never be repeated and we are committed to our responsibility to promote a peaceful environment for our children and grandchildren.

It is the issue not only for Okinawa but for all of Japan to think about. We want a world of harmony not of war, and that's part of the Okinawan identity. Okinawa's call for peace is based on our own sacrifice and I believe that would be a very strong message.

We always have to ask ourselves a question if Japan cannot defend itself without being armed so much. We have to keep asking if we can't defend Japan without it, if we really need it. No U.S. troop on Okinawa means there is a peaceful environment.

**Q:** Where do you want to take Okinawa's future?

**A:** Up to now, a black-or-white dichotomy of peace or economic development has been presented in Okinawa elections. Peace means the bases will be gone soon, and people will at last realize their dream of getting out of the post-war situation. Choosing the economy means the bases will stay but because of that, people will get aid money, and that will be given to the people. It has always been about that exclusive choice in elections. But what I said was that both are important. Aren't both peace and economy important? Without peace, there is no economic development. And if the econo-

my is thriving, it's certainly possible to create conditions that allow for peace. So we are not choosing between economy and peace but we want both.

I have always said, in this new age for Okinawa, we stand for autonomy, co-existence, diversity and acceptance. Okinawa is going to firmly push for these eternal values of democracy. A democratic country like the U.S. will surely listen to such an appeal, especially if I, someone who has an American father, am the one going there to express that.

**Q:** What is Okinawa's geopolitical significance and its role?

**A:** Looking at Okinawa's geopolitical position in Asia, Okinawa is in a position to take initiative in promoting friendship and peace among countries in North-east Asia and Southeast Asia. We can perhaps host a peace-building conference. I would like to take up the role to promote peace, economic and people exchanges in the region. How about holding a U.S.-China summit on Okinawa? ... Overall, this year there was the summit of the Koreans in April and the U.S.-North Korea summit in June. I think at least we should cherish the ongoing momentum toward peace. □

## 4 dead, 19 missing in landslide-hit buildings in Philippines



**In this image provided by the Department of Public Works and Highways, Mountain Province District Engineering Office, rescuers dig through the earth to search for survivors after a massive landslide in Natonin township, Mountain Province in northern Philippines Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

By **JIM GOMEZ**

**Associated Press**

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**

— Rescuers pulled out four bodies and four survivors but at least 19 others remained missing Wednesday after a massive typhoon-triggered landslide crashed down on two government buildings in the northern Philippines, officials said.

Regional police Chief Superintendent Rolando Nana said rescue efforts by more than 100 police, firefighters and volunteers were halted at nightfall in remote Natonin in Mountain province and would resume at daybreak. Rain and mud have hampered

the frantic search. Smaller landslides on roads leading to Natonin have slowed the advance of more rescuers and earth-moving equipment, Nana said. Disaster response officials said at least 19 people remained trapped in the landslide, which occurred as Typhoon Yutu pummeled the region Tuesday. A rescuer en route to Natonin died in still-unclear circumstances. About 14 villagers were injured in the landslide. At least 11 people have died in the northern Philippines because of the typhoon, mostly due to landslides. "It's a massive landslide and boulders also

came rolling down from the mountain. The buildings got demolished and entombed. They're gone," government engineer Junel Emengga told The Associated Press by phone from the site of the landslide.

Rescuers used shovels and their hands to search for survivors in the avalanche because earth-moving equipment could not pass through the blocked roads, he said. The landslide buried a building that was being constructed and an older one that was being expanded for the Department of Public Works and Highway. Five nearby houses were also hit, he said. □





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## South Sudan opposition leader returns as part of peace deal

**By The Associated Press**  
**JUBA, South Sudan (AP)** — For the first time since fleeing South Sudan more than two years ago, opposition leader Riek Machar returned on Wednesday to take part in a nationwide peace celebration. "I came only to confirm to people that I am for peace. The past is gone. We have opened a new chapter for peace and unity," said Machar, speaking in both Arabic and English to several thousand at the event. He assured South Sudan's citizens that peace was in the hearts of all members of the opposition and those attending have seen peace with their own eyes. Machar promised to strengthen government institutions, address corruption and injustice and said that the new government would uphold accountability. South Sudan President Salva Kiir said Machar's

return marked the end of the civil war and warned the "prophets of doom" who were waiting for another explosion in Juba that peace was here to stay. Addressing the South Sudanese people directly, Kiir apologized for five years of brutal fighting and said the responsibility falls on his shoulders. "I deeply regret the psychological and emotional wounds inflicted on you by this war," he said. Kiir also announced that the pardons of two opposition members who had been sentenced to death. The two being pardoned are William John Endly, a South African national and former adviser to Riek Machar who will be deported immediately and long-time spokesman for Machar, James Gatdet who will be released as well. Also attending the peace celebrations were South Sudan's other opposition

groups and the leaders of Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Somalia and Egypt. Under the new peace deal signed on September 12, Machar will once again serve as a vice president in President Salva Kiir's government. This will be the third time the two men will try to work together since the country erupted into civil war in 2013. The last attempt failed when fighting broke out in the capital Juba in July 2016 and Machar escaped the country on foot. Five years of fighting in South Sudan has crippled the country, displacing millions and killing almost 400,000 people from violence and disease according to a recent report. The latest peace deal has been met with skepticism by the international community, including the United States, Norway and the UK, the troika which ushered



**South Sudan's opposition leader Riek Machar speaks at peace celebrations in the capital Juba, South Sudan Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

South Sudan into independence in 2011. Since the deal was signed six weeks ago it has been criticized for slow implementation, missed deadlines and continued cease-fire violations. While security concerns remain surrounding Machar's return, he has come back to give confidence to the population and to put more pressure on the government to implement the peace process, opposition spokesman Mabior Garang de Mabior told The Associated Press.

At least one South Sudan expert says Machar's return is a positive step toward peace. "This indicates South Sudanese leaders' readiness to implement the agreement. That President Kiir invited Dr. Riek (Machar) ahead of the implementation schedule and Dr. Riek responding positively, in particular, offers reason to be hopeful. I think that this shows a genuine desire by the leaders to end the conflict," said Augustino Ting Mayai, researcher at the Sudd Institute. □

## Afghan army helicopter crashes, killing all 25 on board



**Security forces stand guard near the site of a suicide attack on prison employees' vehicle in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

**By AMIR SHAH**  
**Associated Press**  
**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** — An Afghan army helicopter crashed Wednesday in bad weather in the western Farah province, killing all 25 people on board, including the deputy corps commander of the western zone, a provincial spokesman said. Mohammad Naser Mehri, spokesman for the Farah governor, said the helicop-

ter crashed around 9:10 a.m., shortly after taking off from the mountainous Anar Dara district heading toward the nearby Herat province. On board were the corps commander, Gen. Naimudullah Khalil, and two members of the Farah provincial council, its chairman, Farid Bakhtawar, and Jamila Amini, one of only two women on the nine-member council.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yusuf Ahmadi claimed the insurgents had downed the helicopter but failed to provide evidence. Defense Ministry spokesman Ghafor Ahmad Jawed rejected the Taliban claim of responsibility as "totally wrong." Wednesday's was the second army helicopter crash in as many months in Farah. In September, five crew members died when their helicopter crashed. □





In this photo provided by Peru's Supreme Court communications office, former Peruvian first daughter Keiko Fujimori stands in court, in Lima, Peru, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.

Associated Press

## Former Peruvian first daughter detained in corruption probe

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — Former Peruvian first daughter Keiko Fujimori was ordered back to jail Wednesday in a case that has captured attention in the South American nation reeling from a series of corruption scandals reaching into the highest echelons of power. Judge Richard Concepcion ruled the 43-year-old opposition leader should be detained as a preventative measure as prosecutors investigate allegations that she led a criminal network within her party that received about \$1 million in illegal payments from Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht.

Fujimori has denied taking any money from the company during her 2011 presidential run and has called the investigation a political witchhunt.

In a hearing that lasted over eight hours, Concepcion said he believed there was considerable proof to strongly suspect that Fujimori not only knew about the payments but had an active role in hiding the origin of the funds.

As Fujimori looked on, her arms crossed and her lips pursed into a frown for much of the afternoon, the judge recounted information presented by prosecutors describing her as the leader of a powerful organization who plotted so that others could commit crimes on her behalf.

"Undoubtedly, preventative prison is the only mea-

sure that applies," he concluded.

Concepcion ordered her jailed for 36 months, a ruling her lawyer immediately vowed to appeal.

The attorney, Giulliana Loza, argued that the chief prosecutor's case relies overwhelmingly on a witness whose account cannot be corroborated and accused Concepcion of utilizing outside information not presented by authorities.

"In this case we've never had an impartial judge," she said.

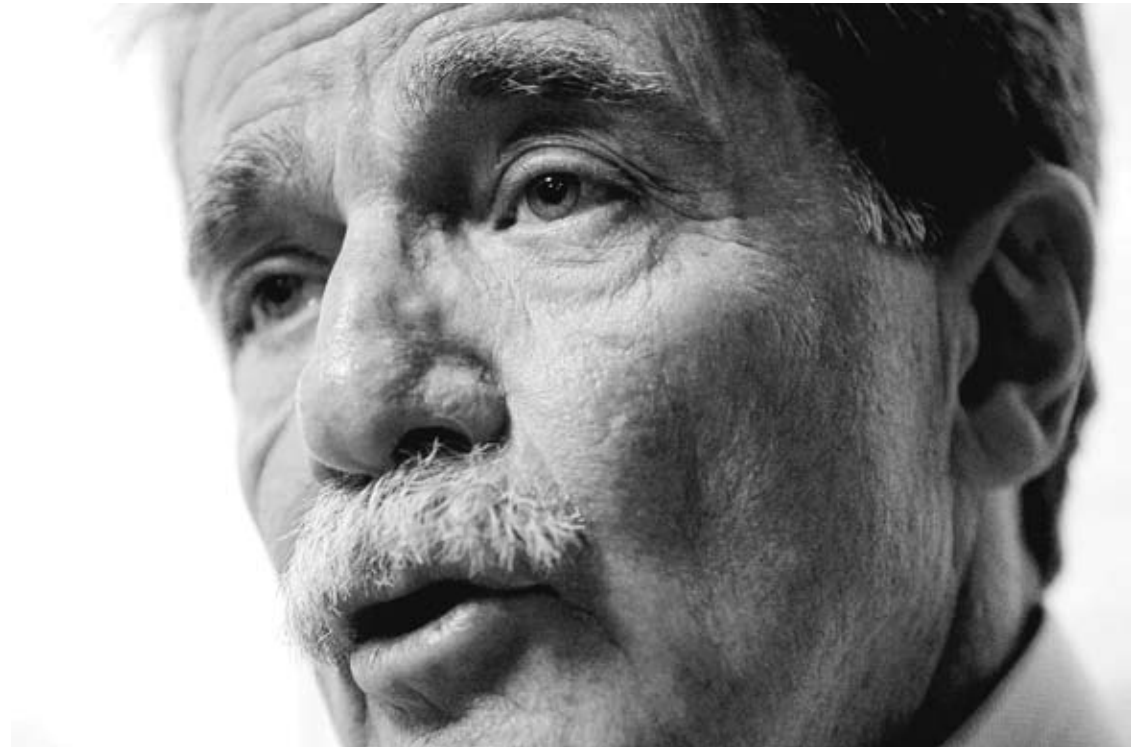
After the judge's ruling, Fujimori, who is still considered one of the most powerful people in Peru, was surrounded by a half dozen uniformed officers.

Dressed in jeans in a long-sleeved black shirt, she showed no emotion as she exited the room.

Many Peruvians thought the daughter of former strongman Alberto Fujimori would never see time behind bars in a country where corruption has long often gone unpunished.

But some of the nation's most prominent politicians, including four ex-presidents, are now under investigation or charged in connection with corruption probes, and thousands of angry citizens have taken to the streets to protest official graft.

A referendum on toughening anti-corruption laws is scheduled for early December. □



In this May 4, 2006 file photo, then presidential candidate Teodoro Petkoff speaks during an interview in his campaign office in Caracas, Venezuela.

Associated Press

## Venezuelan journalist Teodoro Petkoff, ex-guerrilla leader, dies

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Teodoro Petkoff, a giant of Venezuela's politics who led a band of communist guerrillas in his youth before winning the praise of Wall Street in a top government post and then launching a newspaper that fearlessly railed against socialist President Hugo Chavez, died Wednesday.

Xabier Coscojuela, editor of the newspaper Tal Cual, said the paper's founder died after a long illness. Petkoff was 86.

Petkoff was celebrated as a critical thinker who maintained his political independence within an opposition movement weakened by cronyism and infighting. He promoted conservative economic policies, which Latin American leftists considered a betrayal.

"Teodoro Petkoff was a mentor to at least three generations of Venezuelans. I count myself among them," playwright, essayist and former Tal Cual columnist Ibsen Martinez told The Associated Press. "He instilled in us the idea that democracy and tolerance ... are the essence of social justice."

Petkoff's life story reads more like a Hollywood movie script, marked by daring prison escapes, bank heists and failed presidential campaigns in the tumultu-

ous South American petro state.

Born to a Bulgarian father and Polish mother of Jewish origin who immigrated to Venezuela, Petkoff's political rise began as a student leader. He then joined the Communist Party and took up arms in the 1950s against dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez.

Petkoff spent three years in prison and escaped twice, once by slipping through a tunnel onto the streets of Caracas, where large crowds of costumed Carnival-goers provided ample cover.

In the second escape, he vomited blood that he had swallowed to feign illness and gained access to a prison hospital, where he rappelled down by rope from a seventh-story window.

Petkoff continued with the armed struggle against a U.S.-backed government that replaced Perez Jimenez in 1958. The rebels robbed banks, kidnapped businessmen and fought at times with soldiers.

He turned to journalism in the mid-1960s, writing for the Communist Party's newspaper in Caracas. But the struggle faded in the 1970s as then-President Rafael Caldera offered amnesty to the last remaining rebels. By then, Petkoff

had grown disillusioned with the Soviet model, which he saw as growing authoritarian.

Together with other former rebels, Petkoff formed the left-leading Movement Toward Socialism and was elected to the Senate. He ran for the presidency twice in the 1980s, and was handily defeated both times.

He joined the government in the late 1990s when Caldera in his second term tapped the former rebel as planning minister during an economic crisis. Petkoff's performance won praise on Wall Street for privatizing state-run companies and cutting subsidies while gradually reducing the state's role in the economy. His wit was put on display launching Tal Cual in 2000 during the rise of Hugo Chavez's socialist movement, which maintains power today. The newspaper's inaugural front page boldly called out to the charismatic president with the headline: "Hola, Hugo." Tal Cual's edgy stories and cutting opinion pieces over the years have drawn blowback from the government, including a defamation lawsuit filed by socialist party boss Diosdado Cabello, then president of the National Assembly. It was later dropped. □



## LOCAL



## The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba celebrates its 5th anniversary with a super campaign. 5 days – 5 raffles and \$ 50,000 in cash prizes and a cruise vacation!

**Palm Beach, Aruba —** In November, The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba will be celebrating its 5th anniversary and here for launches its campaign "5-Year Anniversary Promotion" where you can win your share of \$50,000 in cash prizes and also cruise vacations with destination Cuba.

All visitors of The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba can take part in this campaign just by being a member. If you are not a member yet right away and enjoy of all the benefits they have to offer. Starting November 1st, 2018, for every 80 points accumulated, you will receive a raffle ticket. There will be 4 boxes where you can deposit your raffle ticket to participate. 5 days of raffles with \$50,000 in cash prizes and cruise vacations with a total of 50 winners.

The winners of the campaign will be selected during the last 5 days of November starting from November 26th till November 30th at 10 PM at The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba.

The campaign will be closing on November 30th with a Mega Win of \$ 25,000 in cash prizes and live entertainment by Robert Jeandor y su Solo Banda Show.

There will be different promotions throughout the month of November which visitors will have the opportunity to win, including a \$ 15,500 Slot tournament on November 24th, 2018, starting



at 8 PM. There will be a grand Bingo on November 25th, 2018, starting at 1 PM with a standing Jackpot of Awg. 50,000.

Visitors of The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba are very enthusiast with this campaign seeing that there is a big chance of winning and being able to choose the campaign of their preference. The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba not only offers different promotions but also has

the best Tier Program on the island where loyal members can enjoy exclusive benefits.

The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton Aruba offers high quality service and a guaranteed, unique experience. For more information regarding the "5-Year Anniversary Promotion" pass by the VIP Desk of The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton Aruba or call at 527-2276/ 527-2277 and they will happily assist you will all the details. □

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The fourth edition of the Global Children's Designathon will take place on Saturday 3 November. During this very special day, 1.000 children in 30 cities all around the world, from Melbourne to Bogota, and from Amsterdam to Johannesburg, will work in parallel to design creative solutions for Deforestation, part of the Sustainable Development Goal No. 15: Life on Land.

In Oranjestad, Aruba this design marathon with children will take place at the



International School of Aruba. Children will start the day researching the theme of deforestation in relation to their city, and in specific to the consequences of it such as air pollution, endangered species and loss of habitat. Next step is ideation and sketching ideas, and finally children will be building prototypes of

their ideas using glue guns, mini-motors, micro:bits, LED-lights, sensors and recycled materials. Through an online connection, the children are in contact with the teams in other countries and at the end of the day, the children present their inventions to a panel of experts, parents and the public. The whole process

follows the steps of the Designathon method, a unique future ready education method which teaches children around the world to use their creativity and design future while using new technologies. The method combines Design Thinking and Maker Education, both approaches which are gaining ground in education systems.

Children around the world are concerned about society and the future of the earth. The innovative ideas of children around these themes are valuable and focus on the future. Sometimes so valuable that they are adopted by companies and, in consultation with the young designer, can be developed into a product or service.

The fourth Global Children's

Designathon is an initiative of Designathon Works and brought to Oranjestad, Aruba by their partner HopeAruba Movement Foundation.

With their education method Designathon Works focuses on developing a future proof skills in children. These skills, such as creative and critical thinking, communicating, collaborating, digital literacy, help the children in the continuously changing and increasingly complex future. A future that they learn to shape themselves through this education.

The Global Children's Designathon is supported by the City of Amsterdam, Patagonia, Bugaboo, Talud, Yoxi, Chocolonely Foundation, Conservation International, WWF, PWC, World Largest Lesson and Expo Live. □





# Creative Islander

Column by:  
By Thais G. Franken

## Do we need more than just Culture and Creativity?

**Maastricht** – In the past weeks we have explored various outlooks within the Cultural and Creative Industry (CCI) that serve as a foundation for understanding. We covered topics such as the CCI definition, how CCI is related to sustainability and last week, we deconstructed how CCI is related to the cultural identity formation in a country. The importance and relevance of resource inventory mapping towards the formulation and implementation of a CCI in Aruba is countless. Today we will discuss how Aruba can create a cultural and creative inventory mapping to shape the desired framework for this new industry. Starting from the bottom provides the opportunity to design our own CCI using the resources that are denounced to our own culture, historical context and our future.

### Cultural and Creative Resources?

When discussing resources, many people would assume that one is talking about materialistic resources, or even more popular, human resources. Eventhough these are relevant within the CCI, today we are exploring the cultural and creative resources that are imperative for successful implementation of a CCI on Aruba. Considering all types of resources known to us, it is interesting to analyze all the diverse scales of cultural and creative resources we have on the island.

However, why do we need to know this information? Is creating and defining the Aruban CCI not enough for implementation? Well, when you are an inspiring entrepreneur ready to meet with investors to start a new business. Some common questions that might be asked are; What resources do you have? What does your capital consist of? What are your assets? For the implementation of a CCI we would ask; What are the cultural and creative resources available. For Aruba, what are the resources available to us. Are these resources enough for a CCI implementation? How realistic are these resources?

Before we get lost answering these questions, let's understand what cultural and creative resources look like. Resources can be human, natural, social, economic, or man built. Examples of cultural resources are: the arts, media activities and institutions; the local human, natural and cultural heritage; creative and cultural enterprises; festivals and events; youth cultures and lifestyles; the diversity of the local community; universities and private sector research centers; the repertoire of local products and skills in the crafts, manufacturing and services; the natural and built environment (Ghilardi, 2007).

A common formula that has been used by many international organizations and countries around the world has been the resource inventory mapping framework. This framework is used to create a unified inventory of all the types of available resources. This creates a benchmark measurement opportunity to access whether we have enough resources for implementation and to know what other resources are missing. It relates to the question we ask ourselves today, is culture and creativity enough for CCI implementation?

### Aruban Cultural and Creative RESOURCES

#### Creative Business

Grafische Industries, Uitgeverij en Binderij	140/378
Communicatie Bedrijven	157/503
Sociaal-Cultureel en Culturele Instellingen	311/647

#### Workforce

Total Aruban Workforce 2016	56.925
Total CCI Workforce	-

#### Heritage Sites

Renovated Monuments	350
Protected Monuments	36
Sites property of Monuments Fund Aruba	12

#### Intangible Cultural Heritage

National ICH Inventory	-
Protected ICH	-

#### Other

Cultural Performance Venues	4
Local Newspapers	4
Public Libraries	3
Movie Theaters	2
Music Schools	2
Museums	7
Dance Schools	7
Centro di Bario	9



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### Post Research Findings

With the use of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators and the Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor (CCCM) I indicated four focus areas in my bachelor thesis research "Placing Culture and Creativity at the Heart of the Aruban Sustainable Development", which are; the number of creative business of the island, the CCI workforce, the number of heritage sites and the intangible cultural heritage.

### A. Creative Businesses

Taking a look at the findings of the research, there seems to be

a decrease in the amount of registered creative business at the Aruba Chamber of Commerce. There is currently a total of 608 (140+157+311) registered creative and cultural business and/or organizations, when there used to be a total of 1528 (378+503+647).

### B. Workforce

The total Aruban workforce according to the Department of Labor of Aruba was 56.925 in 2016. However, due to the lack of the Aruban CCI definition the current CCI workforce could not be estimated.

### C. Heritage Sites

Currently, Aruba has a total of 350 renovated monuments. Of these

350, a total of 36 are protected monuments (10.3%).

The Monuments Fund of Aruba (independent from the government) owns around 12 monument buildings.

### D. Intangible Cultural Heritage

The indicator with the least development turn up is the intangible cultural heritage. Aruba does not have a national ICH inventory as prescribed by UNESCO. Alongside this, there are no protected Aruban ICH to this day.

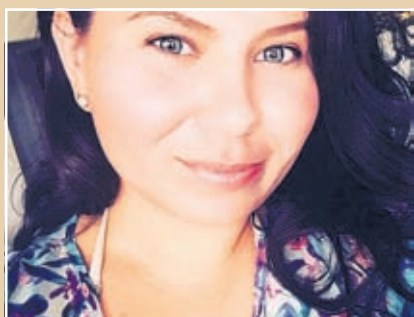
### E. Other

To gain further insight of other forms of cultural and creative resources, this research has also included tangible resources, such as specific

cultural and creative venues and institutions.

Overall, these results indicate the importance of completing an inventory mapping. Together with defining the Aruban CCI, the focus should remain on using everything we have to its full potential. The argument most of the time is that it would cost too much monetary investment to create a CCI, however, many countries have developed their CCI through smart practices of their own resources.

The idea is a gradual and efficient growth for the CCI. In the end, it does not only take having culture and creativity to have a successful CCI. □



## Meet Our New Columnist

Thaïs G. Franken is a Master Student at the University of Maastricht in The Netherlands and Graduate School of Governance | UNI-MERIT.

Aruba Today met this remarkable young lady during an interview for our newspaper. Her ambitions, her drive, her passion and her happy forthcoming made a big impression and out of this came the mutual desire to work together. Aruba Today is more than happy to announce Thaïs as our new columnist. Her column Creative Islander will appear every two weeks on Thursday in Aruba Today. Welcome to the club Thaïs.



## Meet Annabel an Ambassador of Goodwill



**ORANJESTAD — Annabel is an orangutan doll. But she is not simply a doll she has more to offer than you think and she is now in Aruba for the 3rd time.**

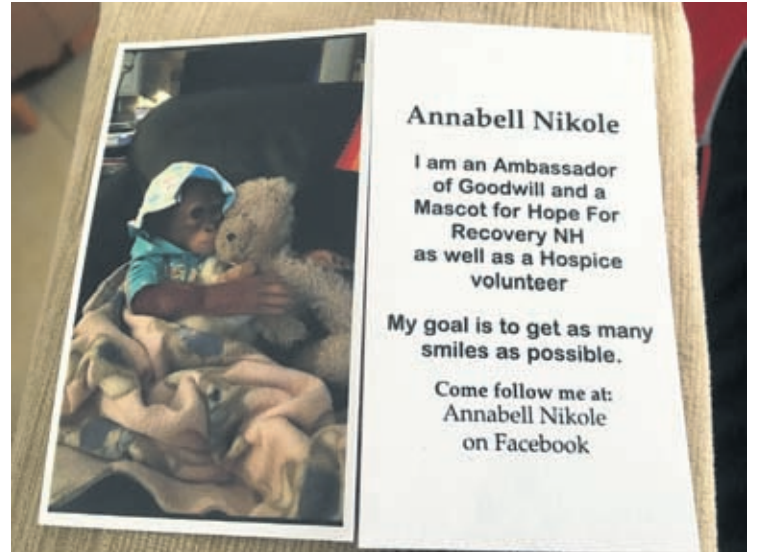
Annabel is a doll that started out as a joke. We stopped at a local Sams Club in New Hampshire and there was a down syndrome young men who

asked to hold her. We got the biggest smile from this young men. This is what made me decide to start her own facebook page and take her to nursing homes, hospitals and recovery centers with the purpose to make people smile. That's all we ask... smiles from those who might not have a reason to smile on any given day.

Annabel has been taken to the hospital here in Aruba too. She has also been to the buccaneer restaurant, Roy the bartender and his family and his staff as well have all met Annabel and have taken pictures with her. Even the cab driver have asked about her.

Annabel is no longer a joke. She has become an Ambassador of Goodwill. She even has her own passport (not a real one off course) and wings from Jetblue.

Inspirational stories like this are what makes our world a better place. A simple act of kindness that makes a world of difference. You will brighten the days of those around and make a difference in their lives... simply by smiling! Thank you Annabel for touching the



Hello Aruba !!

My name is Annabel. I'm from New Hampshire USA. This is my third trip to Aruba , and I love it here it feels like home.

Everyone has made me feel so welcome!!!! We have visited the children at the hospital, many restaurants and have taken pictures with everyone that has heard my story. One of my favorite places is at the

Divi phoenix where I live while I'm here. Thank you for all the smiles,"That's my purpose" Please follow me on Facebook.

Love,  
Annabel

hearts of those in need.

Want to follow Annabel on her daily adventures and

see where you can meet her and take some pictures with her? Like her facebook page Annabel Nikole. ☐

## Fishing in Aruba in October: Now is the time for the big game!

By Joris Zandvoort

**ORANJESTAD — Fall has come to Aruba, which means only one thing: big game fishing at its finest. As fair weather continues, Yellowfin Tuna, Mahi Mahi, Wahoo, Sailfish, and Marlin steal the show offshore. If you're planning on visiting Aruba, now is your chance to try the deep sea fishing Aruba is best known for.**

This October was hot, with the temperature ranging from 91°F to 84°F. It was mostly sunny, with an occasional overcast day, but that didn't stop anglers from heading offshore. The warm spell of weather was briefly interrupted by a couple of rainy days. That wasn't enough to slow down the bite. Going into November, the fair weather will most likely continue, allowing for excellent fishing.

The proximity of fishing grounds is one of the main advantages of



Aruba fishing. With all the fish out there, you could go home with a nice catch after only a four-hour trip. However, if you want some big fellas, you shouldn't settle for short-

er than a six-hour trip. That will give you enough time to battle Billfish and other monster pelagics.

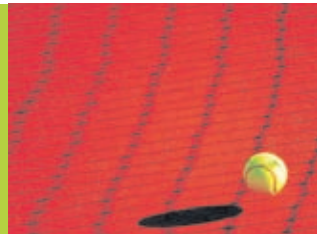
There are two main types of fishing

you can do right now: fishing offshore for big fish or staying around the inshore flats looking for Bonefish. A lot of visiting first-time anglers head offshore, out of Oranjestad and Noord, to chase Mahi, Kingfish, and Tuna. These fish are numerous right now and make for a fun day on the water. However, remember that high tides are common in Aruba, so prepare accordingly before heading out.

Apart from Tuna, Mahi, King Mackerel, and Wahoo, anglers have also sought to land a Billfish Grand Slam and catch Blue Marlin, White Marlin, and Sailfish on the same day. Since October is the peak of the Marlin season, there's no better time to aim for this achievement. During the legendary Aruba Caribbean Cup, which took place from 18-21 October, anglers caught and released over 100 Billfish. You need no other proof that fishing is outstanding right now. Tight lines!☐



# SPORTS



In this Oct. 1, 2010, file photo, former San Francisco Giant Willie McCovey smiles before the team's baseball game against the San Diego Padres in San Francisco.

Associated Press

## Giants Hall of Famer Willie McCovey has died at age 80

By JANIE McCAULEY  
AP Baseball Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Willie McCovey, the sweet-swinging Hall of Famer nicknamed "Stretch" for his 6-foot-4 height and those long arms, died Wednesday. He was 80. The San Francisco Giants announced McCovey's death, saying the fearsome hitter passed "peacefully" in the afternoon "after losing his battle with ongoing health issues." A former first baseman and left fielder, McCovey was a career .270 hitter with 521 home runs and 1,555 RBIs in 22 major league seasons, 19 of them with the Giants. He also played for the Athletics and Padres. McCovey made his major league debut at age 21 on July 30, 1959, after dominating the Pacific Coast League that year. He played alongside the other Willie — Hall of Famer Willie Mays — into the 1972 season before Mays was traded to the New York Mets that May.

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# HOOD-WINKED



## Drew crew: Cavaliers end slide, beat Hawks 136-114

Cleveland Cavaliers' Rodney Hood dunks the ball against the Atlanta Hawks in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018, in Cleveland.

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## Parade fetes Red Sox; trophy, manager Cora hit by beer cans

By **PHILIP MARCELO** and **BOB SALSBERG**

**Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Confetti cannons boomed and huge crowds of fans cheered wildly on Wednesday as the Boston Red Sox rumbled through downtown aboard duck boats to mark the team's fourth World Series championship in the past 15 years.

One of the team's championship trophies and team manager Alex Cora were hit by flying cans of beer that Boston fans have made a practice of offering their sports heroes during recent victory parades. Neither was seriously injured and it didn't take any varnish off the shining celebration.

The rolling rally set off from venerable Fenway Park and wound its way through major city streets lined by fans numbering in the hundreds of thousands, some who arrived before dawn. Bits of red, white and blue paper rained down as team officials, players, and their families waved from the amphibious, World War II-era vehicles. Some autographed balls and drank beers tossed to them from the jubilant throng.

Many in the sea of Red Sox jerseys and ball caps took advantage of the fact that the parade coincided with Halloween.



**Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts, left, Eduardo Nunez, center, and Eduardo Rodriguez catch beer cans tossed from the crowd during a parade to celebrate the team's World Series championship over the Los Angeles Dodgers, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, in Boston.**

Young children dressed up as comic book and Disney characters, 20-somethings from the city's numerous colleges sported full-body panda and dinosaur outfits, and fans took selfies with a doppelganger of pro wrestler Hulk Hogan roaming the crowd.

"It's been nothing but love. We're out here having a good time. We're turned up," said Jarrick Fidalgo, a New Bedford, Massachusetts, native with his face painted in the diabolical red, white and black of the Joker from "Batman."

But it wasn't all carefree fun. Team manager Alex

Cora, one of the team's four World Series trophies and a bystander were among those hit by errant beer cans. Cora and the trophy were barely scathed, but the bystander was urged to get treatment for a gash on her nose, The Boston Globe reported. Patrick Connolly, a 19-year-old from Sandwich, Massachusetts, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct for allegedly hitting Cora with an unopened beer.

Connolly told the arresting officers, according to the Globe: "I love Cora. I didn't mean to hit him."

Police Commissioner William Gross said there were five other parade-related arrests, including a 17-year-old charged with illegal firearm and drug possession. Security was tight along the route, which took the team past the site of the deadly 2013 Boston Marathon bombings.

Public drinking, in theory, was banned, but many fans still liberally swigged from small vials of liquor and cans of beer.

Throughout the day, spontaneous anti-Yankees chants rang out, a nod to the long-running rivalry between the American

League squads.

Countless Boston-area youths skipped class to take in the parade.

"I heard there were six people in my history class today. Everyone is here," said Max Colognesi, a 16-year-old from nearby Chestnut Hill who joined friends near the ballpark. "I have a lot of homework when I get back, but it's worth it."

During a pre-parade ceremony at Fenway, Cora thanked fans for supporting the team as it won a team-record 108 games before beating the New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs.

"I've been saying since Day One, this is crazy, this is madness," he said.

Boston fans learned even more good news Wednesday when pitcher David Price announced before the start of the parade that he planned to stay in Boston, declining a contract option that would have enabled him to become a free agent.

On Tuesday, the team announced they were exercising their \$15 million option for next season to retain another star pitcher, Chris Sale.

Though some fans were enjoying their first championship parade, many others, like 23-year-old Derek Safford, were veterans. □

## Rams still top AP Pro32 poll; Chiefs at No. 2, Pats No. 3

By **SIMMI BUTTAR**

**AP Sports Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Unlike in baseball, an NFL team in Los Angeles is still on top of its sport.

The Rams (8-0) finished the first half of their schedule perfect with a 29-27 win over the Green Bay Packers.

After holding off Aaron Rodgers, the Rams will look to stay unbeaten when they face another top quarterback in their matchup against Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints.

"The Rams keep finding ways to win," said Jenny Vrentas of The Monday



**Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley runs for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, in Los Angeles.**

**Associated Press**

Morning Quarterback. "Next week they'll face their biggest test yet, traveling to New Orleans for an NFC showdown."

The Rams are the unanimous top team in the latest AP Pro32 poll for the sixth consecutive week. They received all 12 first-place votes and 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"Rams remain perfect with a comeback win over Aaron Rodgers' Packers, and now it's on to a critical three-game stretch against the Saints, Seahawks and Chiefs," Newsday's Bob

Glauber said.

"If they remain unbeaten after that, can 16-0 be far behind?"

Kansas City remained No. 2 with 365 points, but New England, which was tied with the Chiefs last week, slipped to No. 3. The Patriots, who trail the Chiefs by only three points, host the Packers on Sunday night.

"(Tom) Brady vs. Rodgers next up," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said.

The Carolina Panthers, who were tied with the Pittsburgh Steelers last week at No. 7, moved up a spot, while the Steelers remained where they were. □



# Cavs beat Hawks to get first win after firing Lue

**By The Associated Press**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Rodney Hood scored a season-high 26 points, Cedi Osman added 20 and Cleveland ended its six-game losing streak to start the season, beating the Atlanta Hawks 136-114 on Tuesday night in the Cavaliers' first game since coach Tyronn Lue was fired.

The Cavs came in as the NBA's only winless team, and Lue paid the price for club's slow start.

But with Larry Drew serving as Cleveland's "acting" coach while he tries to get the team to restructure his contract, the Cavs played a complete game — Cleveland had seven players in double figures — and avoided their first 0-7 start since 1995-96.

George Hill and rookie Collin Sexton scored 17 apiece, and Tristan Thompson had 13 rebounds for Cleveland. Rookie Trae Young scored 24 and Alex Len 22 for the Hawks. Young scored a season-high 35 against the Cavs on Oct. 21, wrecking their home opener.

**RAPTORS 129, 76ERS 112**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Kawhi Leonard scored 31 points, Pascal Siakam had 15 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, and Toronto bounced back from its first loss of the season by routing Philadelphia 129-112, handing the 76ers their 12th consecutive defeat north of the border.

Kyle Lowry had 20 points and 13 assists, extending his streak of double-digit assist games to a career-best six. Jonas Valanciunas scored a season-high 23 points and Serge Ibaka had 16 as the Raptors improved to 6-0 at home.

Joel Embiid scored 31 points, Robert Covington had 15 and JJ Redick scored 13 as the 76ers lost for the first time in three games. Philadelphia is 0-4 on the road.

Ben Simmons narrowly missed a triple-double, finishing with 11 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds, but also committed 11 turnovers.

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**THUNDER 128, CLIPPERS 110**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Russell Westbrook scored 32 points and had another run-in with Patrick Beverley in Oklahoma City victory over Los Angeles.

The Thunder outscored the Clippers 39-10 in the third quarter, and the only drama in the fourth was the dustup between Westbrook and Beverley. Beverley dove at Westbrook's left knee, and both were issued technical after jawing in front of the benches. Police officers stepped onto the court to help keep the teams separated. Upon review, Beverley's foul was ruled a flagrant 1.

Westbrook tore the lateral meniscus in his right knee during the playoffs in 2013 when Beverley lunged for the ball as Westbrook prepared to call timeout.

Paul George also had 32 points, Steven Adams had 18 points and 10 rebounds and Dennis Schroder added 15 points for the Thunder, who won their second straight after four losses to start the season.

**TRAIL BLAZERS 104, ROCKETS 85**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Damian Lillard and Jusuf Nurkic scored 22 points each, and Portland never trailed in a trouncing of struggling Houston.

The Rockets dropped their fourth straight in their second game without James Harden, who is out with a hamstring injury, to fall to 1-5. After entering the season with eyes on a championship, the Rockets have rarely even been competitive, dropping their four home games by an average of more than 17 points. Now they face a season-long five-game road trip where they'll likely be without Harden and fellow starter James Ennis (right hamstring) for at least the



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, right, drives around Los Angeles Clippers guard Patrick Beverley (21) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018.

first game and possibly more.

Chris Paul led Houston with 17 points and nine assists in his second game back after a two-game suspension for his role in a fight with the Los Angeles Lakers.

**CELTICS 108, PISTONS 105**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Kyrie Irving scored a season-high 31 points, Marcus Morris had 15 points and nine rebounds and Boston beat Detroit, handing the Pistons back-to-back losses after a 4-0 start. Jayson Tatum scored 16, Jaylen Brown had 14 points and Al Horford scored 11 for Boston.

Blake Griffin had 24 points and 15 rebounds for Detroit, which couldn't recover after scoring just 13 points in the third quarter. The Pistons chopped Boston's 14-point lead down to a point with 4:21 left to play, and then again with 12 seconds remaining, but couldn't quite complete the comeback.

Boston, which beat Detroit on the road 109-89 on Saturday, is still the only team to beat the Pistons this season.

**HORNETS 125, HEAT 113**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)** — Tony Parker had 24 points and 11 assists to lead a

big night from Charlotte's bench, and the Hornets beat Miami.

Behind Parker, who provided a spark all game long with his scoring, passing and decision-making, Charlotte's reserves outscored Miami's 66-46. Malik Monk had 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting, including four 3-pointers, and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist contributed 14 points and eight rebounds for the second unit. Among the starters, Nic Batum had 20 points and Kemba Walker had 19, his lowest output of the season, as the Hornets beat the Heat for the second time in 10 days.

Walker still played a big role, helping squash a fourth-quarter comeback sparked by Dwyane Wade, who led Miami with 19 points and made four 3-pointers. Walker knocked down a pair of 3s in the final 3½ minutes to push Charlotte's lead back to double digits.

**KINGS 107, MAGIC 99**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Buddy Hield finished with 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Sacramento beat Orlando and extended its winning streak to four games. Hield scored six points in a

13-2 run to close out the third quarter and the Kings held on for the victory and matched their longest winning streak since February 2017.

Nemanja Bjelica finished with 21 points for Sacramento, and Willie Cauley-Stein added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Aaron Gordon had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who lost their third straight. Terrence Ross came off the bench to score 17 points, and Nikola Vucevic finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds.

**GRIZZLIES 107, WIZARDS 95**  
**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — Garrett Temple scored 20 points, Marc Gasol and Mike Conley added 19 apiece and Memphis sent Washington to its fourth straight loss.

Shelvin Mack added 14 for Memphis, which won its second straight and opened the season 3-0 at home. Conley added seven assists, while Temple had seven rebounds.

John Wall led Washington with 22 points, while backcourt mate Bradley Beal scored 17 points. Kelly Oubre finished with 16 points, and Otto Porter contributed 15. □

**Associated Press**



# Willie McCovey

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In his debut, McCovey went 4 for 4 with two triples, two RBIs and three runs scored in a 7-2 win against Philadelphia — and that began a stretch of the Giants winning 10 out of 12 games.

McCovey batted .354 with 13 homers, 38 RBIs, five triples and nine doubles on the way to winning NL Rookie of the Year.

"You knew right away he wasn't an ordinary ballplayer," Hall of Famer Hank Aaron said, courtesy of the Hall of Fame. "He was so strong, and he had the gift of knowing the strike zone. There's no telling how many home runs he would have hit if those knees weren't bothering him all the time and if he played in a park other than Candlestick." He had attended games at AT&T Park as recently as the final game of the season.

"For more than six decades, he gave his heart and soul to the Giants," Giants President and CEO Larry Baer said. "As one of the greatest players of all time, as a quiet leader in the clubhouse, as a mentor to the Giants who followed in his footsteps, as an inspiration to our Junior Giants, and as a fan cheering on the team from his booth."

McCovey had been getting around in a wheelchair in recent years because he could no longer rely on his once-dependable legs, yet was still regularly seen at the ballpark in his private suite.

While the Giants captured their third World Series of the decade in 2014, McCovey returned to watch them play while still recovering from an infection that hospitalized him in September '14 for about a month. "It was touch and go for a while," McCovey said at the time. "They pulled me



In this April 1964 file photo, San Francisco Giants' Willie McCovey poses for a photo, date and location not known.

through, and I've come a long way."

Even four-plus decades later, it still stung for the left-handed slugging McCovey that he never won a World Series after coming so close. He lined out to end the Giants' 1962 World Series loss to the Yankees.

"I still think about it all the time, I still think, 'If I could

have hit it a little more,'" he said Oct. 31, 2014.

In 2012, he said: "I think about the line drive, yes. Can't get away from it."

McCovey was born on Jan. 10, 1938, in Mobile, Ala. He had spent the last 18 years in a senior advisory role for the Giants.

"Every moment he will be terribly missed," said Mc-

Covey's wife, Estella. "He was my best friend and husband. Living life without him will never be the same."

McCovey had a daughter, Allison, and three grandchildren, Raven, Philip, and Marissa. McCovey also is survived by sister Frances and brothers Clauzell and Cleon. □

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# Eberle scores twice, Islanders top Penguins 6-3

By The Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Jordan Eberle scored twice in the second period to help the New York Islanders pull away from the Pittsburgh Penguins for a 6-3 victory Tuesday night.

The Penguins held a ceremony before the game to honor the victims of Saturday's synagogue shooting in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Squirrel Hill. It included an 11-second moment of silence in memory of the 11 people slain.

Eberle scored his second and third goals for the Islanders, who swept a three-game road trip. Brock Nelson scored his sixth of the season and fifth goal in five games, while Tom Kuhnackl, who won two Stanley Cups in Pittsburgh, scored his first as an Islander. Andrew Ladd and Matt Martin also scored for New York, which has won four of six after starting the season 2-3.

The Islanders are playing eight of their first 11 games on the road for the first time in team history.

Robin Lehner stopped 23 of 25 shots, but he left the game after the second period. Thomas Greiss stopped 12 shots. No reason was immediately given for the change.

Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Dominik Simon scored for Pittsburgh, which ended its four-game winning streak.

## **BRUINS 3, HURRICANES**

**RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)** — Brad Marchand scored the tying and go-ahead goals and Boston continued its dominance of the Carolina.

Marchand scored the tying goal with 18 seconds left in the second period and the eventual game-winner just over five minutes into the third period as Boston improved to 11-0-5 in its last 16 meetings with Carolina. The Hurricanes haven't beaten the Bruins in regulation since April 2013.

David Pastrnak scored and Patrice Bergeron had three assists for the Bruins. Jaroslav Halak made 42 saves. Micheal Ferland and Dougie Hamilton scored for



**New York Islanders right wing Jordan Eberle (7) celebrates after Tom Kuhnackl scores against Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Casey DeSmith (1) during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018. The New York Islanders won 6-3.**

the Hurricanes, who have lost five of seven after a 4-0-1 start. Sebastian Aho recorded an assist for the 12th straight game, tying the NHL record held by Wayne Gretzky and Ken Linseman for most consecutive games with an assist to open a season.

Scott Darling stopped 28 shots in his first start of the season after returning from an ankle injury.

## **RED WINGS 5, BLUE JACKETS 3**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — Tyler Bertuzzi scored the go-ahead goal late in the third period and Jimmy Howard had 34 saves for Detroit.

Dylan Larkin got an empty-net goal — his second tally of the night — with 43 seconds left to cap the scoring and give Detroit its second straight win after losing nine of first 11.

Nineteen-year-old Michael Rasmussen got his first NHL goal and Anthony Mantha also scored for the Red Wings, who snapped the Blue Jackets' two-game winning streak.

Columbus goalie Joonas Korpisalo, who made his third straight start, had a horrific 13½ minutes, giving up three goals on Detroit's first seven shots. Sergei Bobrovsky finished with 23 saves.

Josh Anderson, Markus Nutivaara and Pierre-Luc Dubois scored for the Blue Jackets.

## **FLAMES 2, SABRES 1, OT**

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — Matthew Tkachuk scored with 55.3 seconds left in the third period, Johnny Gaudreau followed with an overtime goal and Calgary rallied past Buffalo.

David Rittich made 28 saves for the Flames, who have won two straight.

Center Jack Eichel put the Sabres on the board first with a power-play goal with 3:30 left in the first period. Carter Hutton was terrific for Buffalo throughout, coming up just short of his first shutout as a Sabre. He made 36 saves.

The Sabres have points in five straight games (3-0-2) for the first time since a nine-game point streak in 2012.

## **LIGHTNING 8, DEVILS 3**

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Brayden Point had a career-high five points with a goal and four assists, defenseman Braydon Coburn scored twice, and Tampa Bay rallied from an early two-goal deficit to beat New Jersey.

Steven Stamkos got his 350th career goal and added two assists for Tampa Bay, which was coming off a 3-1-1 trip. Nikita Kuch-

erov had two goals and an assist, and Tyler Johnson and Ryan McDonagh had the other Lightning goals. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 27 saves. Miles Wood, Travis Zajac and Kyle Palmieri scored for the Devils, who started a seven-game trip. Keith Kinkaid stopped 31 of 38 shots before being replaced five minutes into the third by Cory Schneider, who allowed a goal on six shots in his first game after offseason hip surgery.

## **STARS 4, CANADIENS 1**

**MONTREAL (AP)** — Devin Shore had a goal and two assists, Ben Bishop stopped 34 shots for Dallas.

Esa Lindell and Miro Heiskanen also scored, and Alexander Radulov added an empty-netter for Dallas, which won on the road for the first time this season. This was the second stop on the Stars' six-game road trip.

Brendan Gallagher scored for the Canadiens, and Carey Price stopped 18 shots.

## **PREDATORS 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Ryan Hartman scored twice in a 57-second span and Juuse Saros made 23 saves to lead Nashville.

Calle Jarnkrok and Viktor Arvidsson also scored, and Kevin Fiala had a pair of as-

sists for the Predators, who have won two of their last three.

Reilly Smith had the lone goal for Vegas, which has lost three of its last four.

## **WILD 4, OILERS 3**

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** — Mikael Granlund scored with 5:48 left, Eric Staal had a goal and two assists, and Minnesota beat Edmonton. Granlund sneaked a power-play goal past netminder Cam Talbot for his sixth of the season. The game had been tied at 3 since Staal scored on a power play late in the second period.

Zach Parise and Jared Spurgeon also scored for the Wild (7-3-2), who have won six of seven.

Leon Draisaitl, Connor McDavid and Alex Chiasson scored for the Oilers (6-4-1), who ended a three-game winning streak.

## **FLYERS 3, DUCKS 2**

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Nolan Patrick scored 21 seconds after a late tying goal by Anaheim's Pontus Aberg to lift Philadelphia.

Patrick beat Ryan Miller with 1:51 remaining to end Philadelphia's three-game skid and provide a quick recovery after Aberg's second goal of the game.

Sean Couturier and Ivan Provorov scored the Flyers' other goals, and Claude Giroux had two assists. Miller made 33 saves for the Ducks, who are winless in their last six games.

## **RANGERS 4, SHARKS 2, SO.**

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — Kevin Shattenkirk scored the lone goal in the shoot-out and Henrik Lundqvist made 31 saves to help New York complete a season sweep of San Jose.

Chris Kreider scored two goals in the third period and Mats Zuccarello also scored for the Rangers, who followed up a 3-2 overtime win at home against the Sharks earlier this month with another victory.

Tomas Hertl scored the tying goal with 1.3 seconds left in regulation to give San Jose a point. Brent Burns and Timo Meier each scored for the Sharks to extend their points streaks to a career-high nine games. □





Rafael Nadal of Spain talks to media as he announces his withdraw from the Paris Masters tennis tournament at the Bercy Arena in Paris, France, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.

Associated Press

## Nadal pulls out of Paris Masters; will lose No. 1 ranking

By **JEROME PUGMIRE**  
AP Sports Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Returning from one injury to play at the Paris Masters, Rafael Nadal pulled out with another one.

This time it wasn't the troublesome right knee which had sidelined him since the U.S. Open semifinals in early September, but rather an abdominal injury which just crept up on him.

Given his history of injuries, Nadal listened to advice and did not play his second-round match against Fernando Verdasco on Wednesday.

"The last few days I start to feel a little bit the abdominal, especially when I was serving," Nadal said. "The doctor says that is recommended to not play, because if I continue the abdominal maybe can break and can be a major thing." This latest injury will cost him his No. 1 ranking, which goes back to longtime rival Novak Djokovic next week. Djokovic lost his top ranking to Andy Murray at the Paris Masters two years ago.

As he then struggled to come back from a lingering elbow injury, the 31-year-old Serb's ranking plummeted to No. 22 in May this year.

But Djokovic has complete-

ly turned his form around, winning four of the last five tournaments he has entered, including Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and most recently the Shanghai Masters. The 14-time Grand Slam champion's brilliant comeback makes him the first player to reach No. 1 after being ranked below 20th in the same season since Marat Safin in 2000, according to the ATP Tour. Djokovic faces Damir Dzumhur in the third round, the first time they have played each other.

For Nadal, it is the second straight year he has withdrawn from the Paris indoor tournament and he is not sure if he will play at the season-ending ATP Finals in London, starting Nov. 11.

"I cannot answer. I just go day by day," the 17-time Grand Slam champion said. "The most important thing for me is to be healthy, be healthy and have the chance to compete weeks in a row. Something that I was not able to do this year, playing only nine events and retiring in two."

Nadal has dealt with off-and-on knee problems for years and the 32-year-old Spaniard prefers to be cautious. At the U.S. Open, he retired during his match

against Juan Martin del Potro. He then skipped the Asia swing to recover, missing tournaments in Beijing and Shanghai.

"It has been a tough year for me in terms of injuries so I want to avoid drastic things," Nadal said. "The doctor says if I want to play the tournament, I want to try to win the tournament, the abdominal with break for sure."

Nadal is optimistic his latest injury will pass, providing he does not rush back.

"It would not be fair to say it's a real injury today but what is sure, if I continue it will be a real injury," he said. "When you come back after injuries, and you push a little bit, the body at the beginning some issues can happen."

Roger Federer also advanced to Thursday's third round after big-serving Milos Raonic retired before their match with a right elbow injury.

Raonic injured himself during a three-set win against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Tuesday.

"In the middle of second set, I overextended my elbow and it did some kind of pain," he said. "I went and I did an ultrasound and MRI, and they found some kind of a lesion in the tricep." □



Switzerland's Roger Federer holds the trophy during the victory ceremony after winning the final against Romania's Marius Copil at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018.

Associated Press

## Federer turned down an invitation to play Saudi tennis event

By **JEROME PUGMIRE**, AP Sports Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Roger Federer turned down an invitation to play in a planned exhibition match in Saudi Arabia in December which his rivals Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal have committed to play in.

Saudi Arabia is under growing pressure from the international community following the killing of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi after he entered Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2. He was a Washington Post columnist who had written critically of Saudi Arabia's crown prince.

Tennis stars Djokovic and Nadal have expressed doubt as to whether they will play an exhibition match at the King Abdullah Sports City in Jeddah on Dec. 22, but they have not withdrawn. Both players have said the invitations were made at least one year ago.

Asked in Paris on Tuesday if he was also previously invited, Federer said "they contacted me too, yeah." The Swiss star was then asked why he turned it down. "I didn't want to play there at that time," the 20-time Grand Slam champion said. "So, for me, it was a very quick decision."

Amnesty International has urged Nadal and Djokovic not to play.

"Of course I'm aware of the situation. But I had a commitment since one year

ago to play there. And my team is talking to them, to analyze the things. That's it," Nadal said when asked his position on Sunday. "It's terrible that one journalist lost (his) life. I know something happened very bad inside there. So we are looking about how evolves the situation and I hope the things will clarify as soon as possible."

Djokovic also made it clear that the decision to play was made a long time ago. "We have the commitment with them for over a year, actually last year when we were discussing this potential matchup," he said. "It was my professional tennis decision to do that. Of course I know, I'm aware of what's happening, and it's sad, of course."

The top-ranked Serb also stopped short of confirming his presence.

"My team right now is in touch with the people in Saudi Arabia as well as Rafa's and of course we are all talking to understand the situation better," the 14-time Grand Slam champion said Sunday. "Because right now we just don't have obviously enough information, and we have to look into that a bit more and then we'll make our decision soon."

He added: "We have to get more information on what's happening so we can make a rational decision whether it's good to go or not." □



# Maryland fires coach DJ Durkin day after reinstatement

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) —

DJ Durkin's return as Maryland's football coach lasted one day.

Durkin was fired Wednesday evening, just over 24 hours after being reinstated by the school.

Instead of resolving the issues facing the flawed program, the decision by the University System of Maryland board of regents on Tuesday to retain Durkin and athletic director Damon Evans created a different set of problems in the wake of a player's death and discontent engulfing the football team.

Several state officials called for Durkin to be fired, and one called the decision to retain him an "embarrassment." Maryland President Wallace Loh fired Durkin after conferring with the leadership of the Student Government Association, the Senate Executive Committee, deans, department chairs and campus leadership. "The overwhelming majority of stakeholders expressed serious concerns about Coach DJ Durkin returning to the campus," Loh wrote in a statement.

"The chair of the Board of Regents has publicly acknowledged that I had previously raised serious concerns about Coach Durkin's return. This is not at all a reflection of my opinion of Coach Durkin as a person. However, a departure is in the best interest of the University, and this af-



In this Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, file photo, Maryland head coach DJ Durkin stands on the sideline during an NCAA college football game against Towson in College Park, Md.

ternoon Coach Durkin was informed that the University will part ways," Loh wrote. "This is a difficult decision, but it is the right one for our entire University."

Loh's action was immediately met with approval by Maryland Congressman Anthony G. Brown.

"Dr. Loh's firing of Coach Durkin is the right decision and the decision that had to be made if the UMD community was going to ever move forward," Brown said.

Durkin's dismissal comes while he was in the third season of a five-year, \$12.5 million contract he signed in December 2015. He will be owed about \$5.5 million, according to buyout terms of his contract.

Matt Canada is expected to resume the role of interim coach. Maryland is 5-3 heading into Saturday's home game against Michigan State.

Hired after serving one season as defensive coor-

dinator at Michigan, Durkin had a 10-15 record at Maryland. The Terrapins went 6-7 in his first season, losing to Boston College in the Quick Lane Bowl, then fell to 4-8 in 2017 while coping with injuries to three different quarterbacks. Durkin began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Bowling Green in 2001 after playing four seasons there as a defensive end and outside linebacker.

He served three years as an assistant coach at Stanford from 2007-9 and was at Florida from 2010-14, spending the last two years as the Gators defensive coordinator.

Durkin was placed on administrative leave Aug. 11 while board of regents waited for the results of an investigation on the culture of the program.

After receiving that report, the board decided to bring him back, saying he was "unfairly blamed for the dysfunction in the athletic

department."

Prior to the news of Durkin's dismissal, Gov. Larry Hogan demanded the board and Loh participate in a public meeting to explain how they arrived at the conclusion to retain the coach.

"The University System of Maryland has let down the University of Maryland community and the citizens of Maryland," Hogan said in statement, "and now is the time to fix it."

Hogan wasn't the only politician looking for answers. Del. Maggie McIntosh, a Baltimore Democrat who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, planned a hearing on Nov. 15 in Annapolis to "shine more light" on the decision-making process that led to the retirement of Loh — who announced Tuesday his decision to step down in June 2019 — while the coach and other athletic staff remained.

"Obviously the regents had their press conference, and it actually has raised a lot more questions and is getting quite a strong reaction from policy makers, legislators and frankly, even the public," she said. "I've heard words like 'perplexing,' 'shocking.'"

Hogan's opponent in the November election, Democrat Ben Jealous, wrote in a statement, "The University of Maryland has become a national embarrassment for putting the agenda of a few wealthy football boosters ahead of the health and safety of its student

athletes."

The decision to reinstate Durkin did not sit well with students, either.

On Thursday, the Executive Board of the Maryland Student Government Association planned an on-campus rally after saying it was "outraged with the decisions made by the board of regents."

That protest likely won't be necessary anymore.

Durkin and Evans were on the job when offensive lineman Jordan McNair collapsed on the practice field on May 29 and died of heatstroke on June 13. The attorney for the family has said Durkin should have been fired and is reviewing legal options.

After McNair's death, the board of regents called for an independent investigation of the circumstance that led to the player death's and an external review of the football program.

Several media outlets reported that at least three players walked out of a team meeting with Durkin on Tuesday, and offensive lineman Ellis McKennie blasted the board of regents' decision on Twitter. Loh's leadership was addressed in both investigations, and he did not emerge completely unscathed. He did personally apologize to McNair's parents in August, saying Maryland would take "legal and moral responsibility" for the circumstances leading to their son's death. □

# NYCFC advances out of knockout round with 3-1 victory

NEW YORK (AP) — Maximiliano Moralez had two big assists on first-half goals and added a score of his own in the second half to help NYCFC advance out of the MLS knockout round with a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Union on Wednesday night.

Ismael Tajouri-Shradi and David Villa scored first-half goals and NYCFC moved forward to play second-seeded Atlanta United in a two-game Eastern Conference semifinal series, with

the first game scheduled for Sunday in New York.

In the 10th minute, Moralez sent a pass forward that Villa flicked off his heel to Tajouri-Shradi, who turned it into a 22-yard line drive into the upper left-hand corner of the net for a 1-0 lead.

On a counterattack following a turnover, Ronald Matarrita passed to Moralez charging down the left side. Moralez sent the ball to Villa, who slotted in his team-leading 15th goal of the season from just out-

side the penalty area in the 26th. Moralez made it 3-0 in the 78th when he ran on to a long ball from Anton Tinnerholm and lobbed it over charging Union goalie Andre Blake from 12 yards.

Philadelphia avoided the shutout when Ilninho sent a short pass into the middle of the 6-yard box for an easy goal by Cory Burke in the 83th.

NYCFC beat Philadelphia on the final day of the regular season Sunday, also by a 3-1 score. □



Philadelphia Union's Borek Dockal, Auston Trusty (26) and Haris Medunjanin defend against a direct kick by New York City FC forward David Villa (7) during the first half of an MLS playoff soccer match Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press





In this Aug. 6, 2015, file photo, a Samsung employee demonstrates Samsung Pay using a Galaxy S6 Edge Plus in New York. Mobile wallets come in different digital forms.

Associated Press

## With mobile pay, you can go without a wallet at checkout

By **MARGARETTE BURNETTE**  
**NerdWallet**

When you're at the checkout line this holiday season, you could juggle your bags and dig into your purse or billfold for your credit or debit card.

Or you could use that phone you're already clutching, or that new smartwatch strapped to your wrist. Many stores now accept mobile wallets, a technology that lets customers make payments via smartphone or watch.

Mobile wallets come in different digital forms. There are device specific platforms, such as Apple Pay and Samsung Pay, which are compatible with Apple and Samsung devices, respectively.

Google Pay works with multiple platforms, including Android devices.

About one-third of smartphone owners who access mobile wallets use those downloaded from specific retailers, says Karen Augustine, a manager of primary data services at Mercator Advisory Group, a payments and consulting research firm.

Still, many consumers are sticking with their cards due to concerns about safety or

the familiarity of good old plastic. But if you're ready to give mobile wallets a try, here's what you need to know to get started.

**WHERE MOBILE WALLETS WORK BEST.** Shoppers who don't want to carry physical wallets and cards — or who are scared of losing a card — may find mobile wallets helpful. Many early adopters have been young adults who wear smartwatches or carry phones nearly everywhere and are willing to try new forms of payment, Augustine says.

Those who want an easier way to track store rewards might also benefit from mobile wallets.

A mobile wallet can keep track of rewards program information, making it easier to get credit for qualifying purchases. Merchants and credit card issuers might also offer promotional bonus rewards for mobile wallet transactions.

**HOW MOBILE WALLETS WORK.** To start, you'll need to load your bank information onto your preferred mobile wallet device. That generally means entering a credit card or debit card number and security code, and accepting the terms and conditions in the mo-

bile app.

When it's time to make a payment, show your device at the checkout line. You typically complete the transaction by placing the device near the terminal and scanning a barcode or using a biometric reader that may, for example, scan your fingerprint to sign off on the purchase.

**MOBILE WALLET ADOPTION HAS STALLED.** Despite the ease of using mobile wallets, less than half of all smartphone owners use the technology, and adoption has not grown over the past three years, according to Augustine. One problem may be that some don't consider it to be much more convenient than using a regular credit or debit card, she says.

Concerns about safeguards are another issue. Many consumers are more worried about the security of mobile wallet payments than traditional card payments, says Ryan Grogman, senior vice president and practice lead at Boston Retail Partners, a retail consulting company.

But mobile wallets do have some security advantages over regular credit and debit cards. □



In this May 18, 2018, photo, a visitor walks past a display showing microchips and circuit boards at the 21st China Beijing International High-tech Expo in Beijing.

Associated Press

## U.S. limits tech exports to Chinese firm on security grounds

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Trump administration has imposed restrictions on technology exports to a state-supported Chinese semiconductor maker, citing national security grounds amid a mounting tariff battle.

The controls imposed Monday on Fujian Jinhua Integrated Circuit Co. reflect concern Chinese competition could drive American technology suppliers out of business, leaving the military without secure sources of components.

Beijing has spent heavily to build up Jinhua and other chip makers as part of efforts to transform China into a global leader in robotics, artificial intelligence and other technology industries. The United States, Europe and other trading partners say Beijing's tactics violate its market-opening obligations. American officials worry they might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

President Donald Trump has imposed tariffs of up to 25 percent on \$250 billion of Chinese goods in an effort to pressure Beijing to roll back those plans.

Jinhua is completing "substantial production capacity" for integrated circuits, possibly using U.S. technology, which "threatens the long-term economic viability of U.S. suppliers of these essential components of U.S. military systems," said a Commerce Department statement.

The company was added

to the department's "Entity List," which will require it to obtain an export license for all software, technology and commodities, the Commerce Department said. It said such applications "will be reviewed with a presumption of denial."

That "will limit its ability to threaten the supply chain for essential components in our military systems," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in the statement. China's foreign ministry said it hoped foreign governments would treat Chinese companies "reasonably and fairly."

"We hope the United States will do something that serves the two sides' interest and helps improve mutual trust, instead of the other way around," said a ministry spokesman, Lu Kang.

Calls to Fujian Jinhua's offices rang unanswered Tuesday and there was no immediate response to an inquiry made through their website. ZTE Corp., China's second-biggest maker of telecoms equipment, faced possible bankruptcy this year after Washington imposed a seven-year ban on sales of U.S. technology to the company over its exports to Iran and North Korea.

American authorities lifted the ban in July after ZTE paid a \$1 billion fine, agreed to replace its executive team and hired U.S.-selected compliance officers. □





In this June 21, 2018 file photo, job applicants talk with representatives from Aldi at a job fair hosted by Job News South Florida, in Sunrise, Fla.

Associated Press

## U.S. companies hiring at robust pace, wages rise faster

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. companies added jobs in October at the healthiest pace in eight months, and wages rose by the most in a decade, the latest evidence of the durable strength of the U.S. job market.

Businesses added 227,000 jobs in October, according to a private survey, a sign that businesses can still find workers even with the unemployment rate striking 49-year lows.

The unemployment rate fell to 3.7 percent in September, the lowest level since 1969.

Businesses are staffing up at a rapid pace in response to healthy consumer spending and strong economic growth.

That is forcing more companies to raise pay to attract and keep workers.

A separate report Wednesday showed that wages and salaries for private-sector workers rose 3.1 percent from a year earlier. That was the largest annual gain in more than a decade.

A measure of compensation that includes benefits and covers all workers, including government employees, rose 2.8 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier, the Labor Department report said.

Weak wage gains have been a soft spot in the U.S. economy for the decade that has followed the

Great Recession.

But with employers increasingly desperate for workers, they are being forced to offer higher wages.

The report Wednesday comes two days before the publication of the government's jobs report. Economists believe that the Labor Department numbers will show employers added 190,000 jobs.

ADP's report doesn't include government employment and frequently diverges from the official figures, however.

The two reports also respond differently to hurricanes.

ADP's figures were mostly unaffected by Hurricane Michael, which struck Florida last month, because its report counts someone as employed even if they miss work due to bad weather.

The government's jobs data, however, counts someone as employed only if they were paid during the period when the government conducted its jobs survey. That could lower the government's employment count when it's released Friday. □

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## L.L. Bean looks to northern neighbor to boost sales

By **DAVID SHARP**, Associated Press

**FREEMONT, Maine (AP)** — U.S. retailer L.L. Bean is looking to sell more parkas, sweaters, flannel and mittens in Canada as part of its strategy for a return to sales growth.

The 106-year-old retailer's iconic boot and other products will be sold in 30 stores in Canada this holiday season, and in L.L. Bean-branded stores opening over the next decade. The company also has launched a dedicated website for Canadian customers that incorporates duties and smooths out currency fluctuations.

The deal, inked last week, makes sense because L.L. Bean has a strong customer base in Canada and its cold-weather gear and outdoor focus are a good fit, CEO Steve Smith said.

"There are huge growth opportunities over time," Smith told The Associated Press in an interview. "Let's go after that market, and see what we can do," he said.

Maine-based L.L. Bean is coming off several years of flat sales and a difficult era of belt-tightening that included a reduction in workforce, a tightening of its generous return policy, and a paring of product lines to refocus on the company's outdoors roots.

The company sees international sales as a small but important part of its growth. L.L. Bean already owns 28 stores, a call center and a distribution center in Japan, where it has operated since 1992.

But it'll be doing things dif-



In this Aug. 17, 2017 file photo, a Bean Boot displayed at the L.L. Bean manufacturing center in Lewiston, Maine.

Associated Press

ferently in Canada, where the company has an agreement with Toronto-based Jaytex Group to distribute L.L. Bean products to Canadian retailers like Sporting Life, Hudson's Bay and Mountain Equipment Co-Op.

Under the agreement, Jaytex also will open L.L. Bean-branded stores in Canada, starting with the first store in the Toronto area in 2019. The goal is to open 20 stores across Canada within 10 years, said Howie Kastner, president of Jaytex Group. Bean will benefit from strong brand awareness, Kastner said, partly because many Canadians have shopped in the company's flagship store in Maine.

"Everybody that I mention L.L. Bean to has a story or a fond memory. There's an emotional attachment to the brand, much like there

is in the U.S.," he said.

Becoming a wholesaler and letting a partner operate L.L. Bean-branded stores in Canada represents a new way of doing things for L.L. Bean.

But partnering with an established company makes sense because some U.S. retailers, most notably Target, have stumbled in Canada, said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consulting and research firm in New Canaan, Connecticut. All told, Canada currently accounts for about 2 percent of Bean's annual sales; the company hopes to double that in three to four years, Smith said. L.L. Bean's sales last year from all channels, domestic and international, were \$1.6 billion. □

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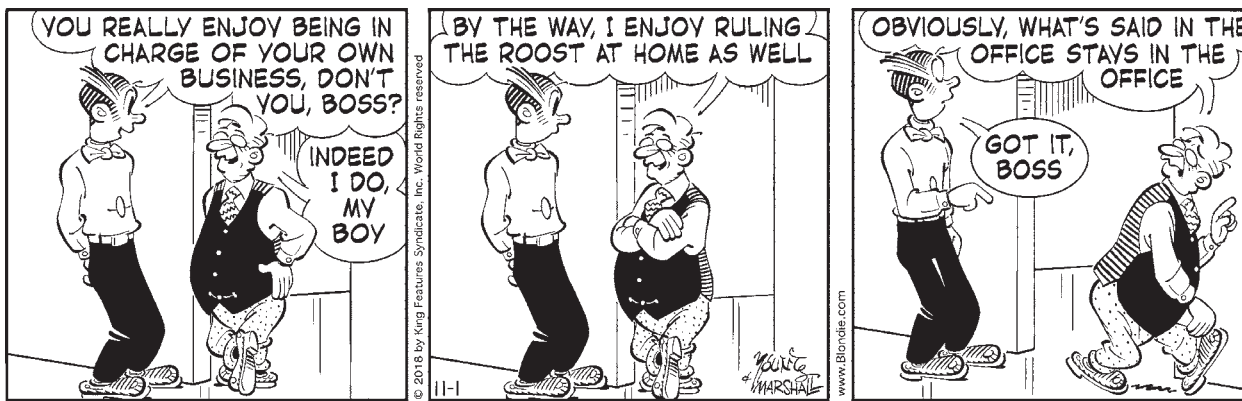
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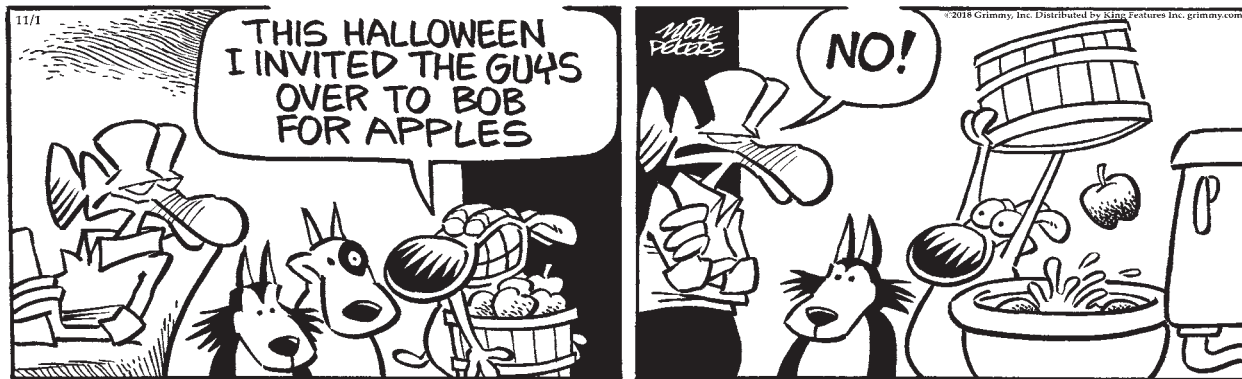
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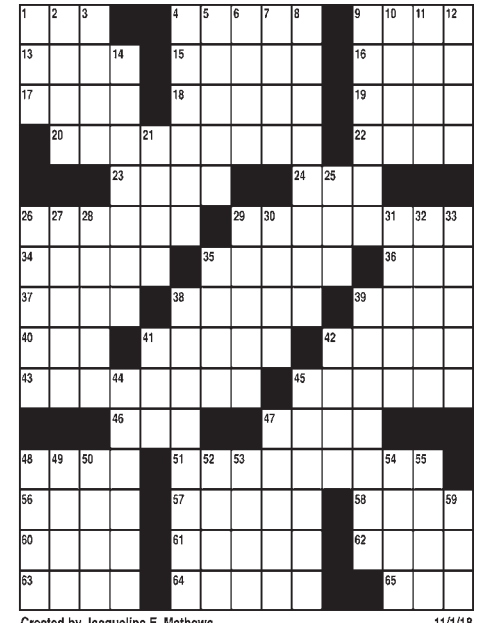
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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In this April 27, 2017 file photo, Gavin McInnes, center, founder of the far-right group Proud Boys, is surrounded by supporters after speaking at a rally in Berkeley, Calif.

Associated Press

## Facebook, Instagram ban far-right Proud Boys and founder

By KAREN MATTHEWS  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The far-right Proud Boys and their founder, Gavin McInnes, have been banned from Facebook and Instagram because of policies against hate groups, the company announced. McInnes criticized the ban in an email Wednesday, saying it was a way to drum up “hysteria” prior to the midterm elections next week.

The Southern Poverty Law Center calls the all-male Proud Boys a hate group, but the Proud Boys reject the label and describe themselves as “Western chauvinists who refuse to apologize for creating the

modern world.” Members of the group brawled with anti-fascist protesters following a speech by McInnes at a Manhattan Republican club on Oct. 12, resulting in arrests of both Proud Boys’ members and anti-fascists. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, criticized the statewide Republican Party for inviting McInnes.

A spokeswoman for Facebook, which also owns Instagram, said in a statement, “Our team continues to study trends in organized hate and hate speech and works with partners to better understand hate organizations as they evolve.” □

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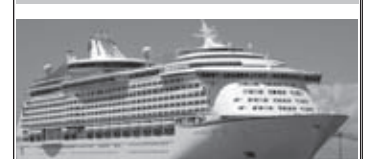
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# Kepler telescope dead after finding thousands of worlds

By **MARCIA DUNN**

**AP Aerospace Writer**

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.**

**(AP)** — NASA's elite planet-hunting spacecraft has been declared dead, just a few months shy of its 10th anniversary.

Officials announced the Kepler Space Telescope's demise Tuesday.

Already well past its expected lifetime, the 9 1/2-year-old Kepler had been running low on fuel for months. Its ability to point at distant stars and identify possible alien worlds worsened dramatically at the beginning of October, but flight controllers still managed to retrieve its latest observations. The telescope has now gone silent, its fuel tank empty.

"Kepler opened the gate for mankind's exploration of the cosmos," said retired NASA scientist William Borucki, who led the original Kepler science team.

Kepler discovered 2,681 planets outside our solar system and even more potential candidates. It showed us rocky worlds the size of Earth that, like Earth, might harbor life. It also unveiled incredible super Earths: planets bigger than Earth but smaller than Neptune.

NASA's astrophysics director Paul Hertz estimated that anywhere from two to a dozen of the planets discovered by Kepler are rocky and Earth-sized in the so-called Goldilocks zone. But Kepler's overall planet census showed that 20 to 50 percent of the stars visible in the night sky could have planets like ours in the habitable zone for life, he said.

The \$700 million mission even helped to uncover last year a solar system with eight planets, just like ours.



This illustration made available by NASA shows the Kepler Space Telescope. As of October 2018, the planet-hunting spacecraft has been in space for nearly a decade.

"It has revolutionized our understanding of our place in the cosmos," Hertz said. "Now we know because of the Kepler Space Telescope and its science mission that planets are more common than stars in our galaxy."

Almost lost in 2013 because of equipment failure, Kepler was salvaged by engineers and kept peering into the cosmos, thick with stars and galaxies, ever on the lookout for dips in the brightness of stars that could indicate an orbiting planet.

"It was like trying to detect a flea crawling across a car headlight when the car was 100 miles away," said Borucki said.

The resurrected mission became known as K2 and yielded 350 confirmed exoplanets, or planets orbiting other stars, on top of what the telescope had already uncovered since its March 7, 2009, launch from Cape Canaveral.

In all, close to 4,000 exoplanets have been confirmed over the past two decades, two-thirds of them thanks to Kepler. Kepler focused on stars thousands of light-years

away and, according to NASA, showed that statistically there's at least one planet around every star in our Milky Way Galaxy. Borucki, who dreamed up the mission decades ago, said one of his favorite discoveries was Kepler 22b, a water planet bigger than Earth but where it is not too warm and not too cold — the type "that could lead to life."

A successor to Kepler launched in April, NASA's TESS spacecraft, has its

sights on stars closer to home. It's already identified some possible planets. TESS project scientist Padi Boyd called Kepler's mission "stunningly successful." Kepler showed us that "we live in a galaxy that's teeming with planets, and we're ready to take the next step to explore those planets," she said.

Another longtime spacecraft chasing strange worlds in our own solar system, meanwhile, is also close to death.

**Associated Press**

NASA's 11-year-old Dawn spacecraft is pretty much out of fuel after orbiting the asteroid Vesta as well as the dwarf planet Ceres. It remains in orbit around Ceres, which, like Vesta, is in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Two of NASA's older telescopes have been hit with equipment trouble recently, but have recovered. The 28-year-old Hubble Space Telescope resumed science observations last weekend, following a three-week shutdown. The 19-year-old Chandra X-ray Telescope's pointing system also ran into trouble briefly in October. Both cases involved critical gyroscopes, needed to point the telescopes.

Hertz said all the spacecraft problems were "completely independent" and coincidental in timing.

Now 94 million miles from Earth, Kepler should remain in a safe, stable orbit around the sun. Flight controllers will disable the spacecraft's transmitters, before bidding a final "good night." □

## NASA spacecraft sets record for closest approach to sun

By **MARCIA DUNN**

**AP Aerospace Writer**

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.**

**(AP)** — NASA's Parker Solar Probe is now closer to the sun than any spacecraft has ever gotten.

Parker on Monday surpassed the record of 26.6 million miles (43 million kilometers) set by Helios-2 back in 1976. And it will keep getting closer to the sun until it flies through the corona, or outer atmosphere, for the first time next week, passing within 15 million miles (24 million kilometers) of the solar surface.

Parker will make 24 close approaches to the sun over the next seven years, ultimately coming within just 3.8 million miles (6 million kilometers).

Launched in August, Parker is on track to set another re-



Parker Solar Probe sits in a clean room on July 6, 2018, at Astrotech Space Operations in Titusville, Florida, after the installation of its heat shield.

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cord late Monday night. It will surpass Helios-2's speed record of 153,454 miles per

hour (247,000 kilometers per hour), relative to the sun. □

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In this Oct. 26, 2018 photo, Andrea Bocelli and his son Matteo Bocelli pose for a portrait in New York to promote the album "Si," a collection of duets, including their father and son song, "Fall On Me."

Associated Press

## Andrea Bocelli teams up with his son for new duet

By CLAUDIA TORRENS, Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Italian star tenor Andrea Bocelli has teamed up with singers like Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Ed Sheeran for acclaimed duets during his career, but singing with his son Matteo is something he hopes feels extra special.

"Fall on Me" appears on the maestro's new album "Si," released last week. The song, which reflects on the bond between parent and child, also appears in the new Disney film "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms," starring Keira Knightley, Morgan Freeman, Mackenzie Foy and Helen Mirren. It opens in U.S. theaters Friday.

Bocelli, 60, and 21-year-old Matteo have sung many times together at home, so recording together did not feel strange, the veteran singer said. Matteo is studying music and likes to experiment with opera, pop and a combination of both — two genres his father has been extremely successful at. "Matteo needs to finish his studies to be a serious singer. When you go to the doctor or to see a lawyer, you expect to find a serious professional. The same goes for singers," said Bocelli, seated next to a smiling Matteo. "But Matteo has shown he has a gift. He has something you don't learn."

Matteo agrees with his father.

"I know that to make my dream come true I have to study a lot," he said.

Bocelli, who is blind, has sold 85 million records worldwide and has performed for popes and presidents and at events like the Olympics and the World Cup.

"Si," his first album of new material in 14 years recorded at his home in Italy, features duets with pop singer Josh Groban, rising British performer Dua Lipa and Russian soprano Aida Garifullina. The album also includes a song with Sheeran — marking the second collaboration between the English singer and Bocelli.

Bocelli said it took time to find the right songs for "Si." "This album was born over time. I was looking for songs that are up to (the) expectations, that are beautiful, and, well, it wasn't easy to find them," he said. "I hope 14 years have been enough (time)."

Billboard reported Tuesday that "Si" will likely debut at No. 1 on its all-genre albums chart next week. It would give Bocelli his first No. 1 album on the chart.

Bocelli, who says at times he still suffers from stage fright, is currently on tour, which also features Matteo onstage. They will play two shows at New York's Madison Square Garden in December. □



In this Oct. 1, 2018 photo, Ashley Monroe, from left, Angaleena Presley and Miranda Lambert of the Pistol Annies pose for a photo at Sony Nashville in Nashville, Tenn., to promote their newest album, "Interstate Gospel," out on Friday.

Associated Press

## Pistol Annies tackle divorce, complicated women with humor

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — The Pistol Annies' sassy new song about reclaiming singlehood called "Got My Name Changed Back" has raised some eyebrows for its lyrics about a husband who cheats while on the road and prompted speculation about who might have inspired it.

The trio of Miranda Lambert, Angaleena Presley and Ashley Monroe won't say, but Presley notes that there are two divorces and two ex-husbands between them. "It was a feel-good divorce song that was needed," Presley said. "You're welcome."

"We can say whatever we want together a little more bravely than we ever would alone," Lambert added. "Our whole catalog has been about celebrating things that weren't so positive and putting them in a humorous light."

The women tackle failed marriages, desperate wives, female friendships and complicated women with a lot of wry humor and just the right amount of sadness on their first album in five years called "Interstate Gospel," out on Friday.

They wrote the record to-

gether without any outside writers, which has mostly been their pattern. "We haven't written any songs with other writers," Lambert said, but then the other two correct her, noting there was one song on their first album that her ex-husband Blake Shelton co-wrote with them. "Oh well, he's gone," Lambert said with a laugh. Lambert came up with a verse and chorus for the regretful tune, "When I Was His Wife," and sent it to Presley and Monroe in a voice note. Soon after they were hanging out at Lambert's house churning out songs.

"We don't do per se writing sessions," Presley said.

"We do slumber parties with guitars," Lambert said. The break between records has been productive for all three singers. Lambert released a critically-acclaimed double album, "The Weight of These Wings," while Monroe and Presley each released two solo albums over the past five years.

"It's like we have so much life to talk about, we have enough for solo projects and as a band," Lambert said.

The song they will admit is about themselves is "Stop

Drop and Roll One," a country rocker in which they celebrate their differences and similarities. As the song goes, "One's got the matches, one's got the lashes, one's running her mouth again."

"If we all dumped our purses out on the table, it would be 'Stop Drop and Roll One,'" Presley said.

A song like "Best Years of My Life" showcases their ability to craft emotionally complex female characters longing for escape from their monotonous lives through a recreational drug or a trashy TV show. "Masterpiece" acknowledges the public fascination with the glossy image of a perfect relationship, even if it's not real.

The trio isn't doing a tour to promote the album, just three shows in Nashville, New York and Los Angeles, mostly because Presley is pregnant, although they will be performing at the Country Music Association Awards on Nov. 14.

"This record feels very special and I feel like when we do an intimate couple of shows, it gives people a chance to live with it on tape and live with it in person and go from there," Lambert said. □



# Actress-writer Waithe: Films fall short of ethnic equality

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Hollywood is falling short of ethnic equality despite black-led films including “Black Panther,” actress and award-winning writer Lena Waithe said.

There are “a million ‘La La Lands’ every year. How often do we get a ‘Moonlight’? How often do we get ‘Black Panther’?” she said. “What to me will be true equality is when ‘Black Panther’ comes out and it’s just like ‘Captain America.’”

Waithe, an actress and Emmy-winning screenwriter with the streaming comedy “Master of None” who was in the film “Ready Player One,” joined in conversation with comedian Hannah Gadsby at an Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences lunch.

The event marked the launch of Action: The Academy Women’s Initiative, aimed at creating opportunities for female filmmakers to network and celebrate inclusiveness. It included the presenta-



This combination photo shows Annie Lennox at Porter’s 3rd Annual Incredible Women Gala in Los Angeles on Oct. 9, 2018, left, Lena Waithe at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association Grants Banquet in Beverly Hills on Aug. 9, 2018, center, and Hannah Gadsby at the 70th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles on Sept. 17, 2018.

tion of a newly established Academy Gold Fellowship to young filmmaker Geeta Malik, writer-director of the award-winning online short “Aunty Gs” and films including “Beast” and “Troublemaker.”

Music legend Annie Lennox also spoke at the lunch, recounting how her activism was inspired after hearing South African leader Nelson Mandela describe how the scourge of HIV and AIDS was particularly dev-

astating for women. There are many other crises faced by women and girls worldwide, Lennox said, including sex trafficking, physical and sexual abuse and illiteracy.

“That is why I endorse global feminism,” she said, which encompasses Western nations as well as places where women “can’t reach the lowest rung.” Men must also be welcomed into the cause, she said.

“If men and boys are excluded from the dialogue,

we’re left with the same old misogyny,” Lennox said.

Gadsby, an Australian comic who made a splash with her standup special “Nanette,” said her autism has made her acutely aware of screen characters who are relegated to the “periphery” of the action.

She said television has become a “Trojan horse” that brings such sidelined characters into the forefront of stories.

When Gadsby lauded Waithe for bringing diver-

sity to the screen, Waithe said she felt the pressure of falling short as a representative of her ethnic group.

“No straight white man represents anything but himself,” she said.

Waithe also touched briefly on TV personality Megyn Kelly’s defense of blackface as a Halloween costume, which led to the cancellation of her NBC “Megyn Kelly Today” morning show. Waithe suggested that blackface was something that whites used to denigrate blacks but, “in a weird way,” also indicated they want to experience being black.

“There’s a love for us. But how do you love us?” she said. “I want us to cherish Trayvon Martin alive, as much as we do when he’s gone,” referring to the unarmed African-American teenager shot to death in Florida by a former neighborhood watch volunteer in 2012.

Amy Adams, Anika Noni Rose, Rashida Jones and Lily Collins were among those attending the event held by the academy and initiative partners E! Entertainment and Swarovski. □

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## Rami Malek explains how he dug deep to find Freddie Mercury



Actor Allen Leech, left, musician Brian May, actor Rami Malek, musician Roger Taylor, actor Joe Mazzello and actor Gwilym Lee pose together at the premiere of “Bohemian Rhapsody” at The Paris Theatre on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018, in New York.

By JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rami Malek says he identified with the immigrant side of Freddie Mercury while

tackling the role of the legendary Queen frontman.

The first-generation American spoke about his starring role at the New York premiere of “Bohemian

Rhapsody” on Tuesday. The “Mr. Robot” star connected with Mercury’s outsider passion for success.

“I set out to be an actor some, I don’t know, over a decade ago. I think something was possibly burning inside the both of us. We had aspirations to live our dream. And I’m getting a chance to do that right now in this very moment,” Malek said. While many aspects defined Mercury, including being one of the best vocalists to front a rock band, his flamboyant presence and a penchant for taking chances, Malek felt like he had to dig deeper to find the beating heart of the Tanzania-born Mercury, who arrived in London at 18. □



## President Claire Underwood takes charge in 'House of Cards'

By LYNN ELBER  
AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The spirit of Francis Underwood and misdeeds past haunt the sixth season of "House of Cards" and its new U.S. president, the widowed Claire Underwood.

Francis is very much dead when the Netflix series opens its final, eight-episode run Friday, as an image of Claire bending tenderly over his coffin makes clear.

But there's no suggestion from the producers or cast that killing off Francis — after the Me Too-triggered firing of star Kevin Spacey — took a storytelling toll on Netflix's political satire. It's following the path of Claire's rise signaled at the end of season five, this despite the upheaval that halted production a year ago when Spacey was accused of sexual misconduct.

"Ultimately, the only response that we could have was the one that we had," said executive producer Frank Pugliese. "Which is the cast and crew and everyone involved decided to put their heads down and respond by telling the best story that we possibly could. It was the only way that we could answer anything, any circumstance." At least 24 men have accused Spacey, a two-time Oscar winner and a five-time Emmy nominee for his portrayal of Francis, of sexual misconduct or as-



This image released by Netflix shows Robin Wright in a scene from the final season of "House Of Cards."

sault. In response to the first claim, from an actor who alleged that Spacey made inappropriate advances toward him when he was 14, Spacey said he didn't recall the alleged encounter but said it would have been "deeply inappropriate drunken behavior." Robin Wright, now flying solo as Claire, says it required a group effort to rebound after losing Spacey and his character.

"We all really collaborated well and wanted the best for the show. So I think it was a reunion of, 'Come on, let's pull up our bootstraps and forge ahead,'" said Wright, who declined to comment on whether Spacey was missed on set

(Wright has also received five Emmy nominations for her work on the show).

When Netflix and the studio OK'd the show's resumption without him, it avoided an unresolved end for the drama that put Netflix on the map as a destination for original fare. "House of Cards" also heralded the rise of streaming platforms and more such acclaimed shows, including Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black" and Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale."

That Francis would be gone but not forgotten was inevitable, said Pugliese: "To deny the weight or the importance of Francis Underwood, you can't do it so easily. It was such a big

part of the story for so many seasons, and at the core of whatever Claire is going through and whatever the series is about."

Last season ended with Francis out of the Oval Office and Vice President Claire Underwood in, wielding both power and Francis' direct pipeline to viewers through the camera. "My turn," she told the audience. What preceded it was her husband "basically telling her that he was going to be controlling her presidency from behind the scenes," said executive producer Melissa James Gibson. "It was clear at the end of season five that no matter what, season six was going to be an explora-

tion of who owns the White House," said Pugliese.

Added James Gibson: "Who owns the White House, who owns the narrative. And those things continue to be true. She's just grappling with them in a different way, and not just with the legacy of Francis but also the characters to whom he made promises." The final season begins with Claire ready for battle, as demonstrated by her military-inspired fashion choices and steely demeanor. When told insults and claims of intended violence are flooding in against the first female president, she insists on hearing the ugly details. "Lots of threats involving the c-word, ma'am. Lots and lots of the c-word, unfortunately," she's told.

Her reply, coolly delivered: "You mean 'Claire'?"

But there's more afoot than misogyny, starting with an eerie tapping coming from the walls of the White House. There's also something found on Francis' former bed that, although it falls short of the bloody horse's head of "The Godfather," has its own menacing shock value.

Claire's frenemies include the billionaire brother-and-sister power team Annette and Bill Shepherd (Diane Lane, Greg Kinner). They expect her to toe the policy line they dictate and abandon any post-Francis illusions of independence. The new president has other ideas. □

## 'Lady Chatterley' copy from famous trial sells for \$72,000

**LONDON (AP)** — A paperback copy of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" used by the judge in the landmark U.K. obscenity trial of the novel's publisher has sold at auction for 56,250 pounds (\$72,000), more than three times its pre-sale.

The tattered Penguin paperback — along with a damask bag designed to stop photographers snapping the judge carrying the scandalous tome —

was sold to an anonymous bidder at Sotheby's in London on Tuesday. Penguin Books was prosecuted in 1960 for publishing D.H. Lawrence's novel about an affair between a wealthy woman and her husband's gamekeeper.

A prosecution lawyer famously asked in court whether it was "a book that you would ... wish your wife or your servants to read?" It took jurors just

three hours of deliberation to find Penguin not guilty, and the case is regarded as a landmark victory for freedom of speech and a sign of changing social mores. Dorothy Byrne, the wife of judge Lawrence Byrne, stitched the bag that held the book. She also made notes for her husband the explicit passages, with descriptions — "love making," "coarse" — and page numbers. □



In this Friday, Oct. 26, 2018 file photo, a copy of D.H. Lawrence's book "Lady Chatterley's Lover" that was the judge's personal version used in the infamous 1960 Chatterley trial, on view in Sotheby's auction house in London.

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# Gag! Rotting fish, maggots on menu at Disgusting Food Museum

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**MALMO, Sweden (AP)** — Sheep eyeball juice. Bull testicles. Maggot-infested cheese. American root beer.

These are among the items considered palatable or even regarded as delicacies in some cultures that the Disgusting Food Museum in Malmo, Sweden is serving up.

The temporary museum, which opened Wednesday, clearly braced for revolted visitors to gag at the foods on display, most of which can be smelled or tasted. Tickets came in the form of vomit bags.

Curator Samuel West said the exhibition is meant to entertain, but also to convey a thought-provoking message: what is considered appetizing or repulsive is learned and can change. He hopes visitors will be encouraged to try more sustainable food products that are being developed or marketed, like insects and lab-grown meat.

"Disgust is one of the six fundamental human emotions, and the evolutionary function of disgust is to help us to avoid foods that might be dangerous, that are contaminated, toxic, gone off," West said. "Disgust is hardwired as an emotion but what we find disgusting is culturally learned."

The idea of exploring gross food came to him with awareness that the "single most impactful way we can impact the environment is by eating less meat," he said.

"It's an exhibition that asks visitors to challenge their notions of what is disgusting and what is delicious, and the aim is to get people to understand there is no objective measure of disgust," West said. "For some, the revelation might be that 'maybe insects aren't as disgusting as I thought.'"

The 80 food items in the museum's exhibit include a bull's penis, frog smoothies from Peru, a wine made of baby mice that is con-



In this photo taken on Sept. 22, 2018 a container of Mice wine on display at the Disgusting Food Museum, in Malmo, Sweden. Baby mice are drowned and brewed in rice wine and the brew is matured for up to a year before drinking.

sumed in China and Korea, and Sweden's "surstromming," an infamously putrid fermented herring.

Visitors are also introduced to "balut," partially developed duck fetuses that are boiled inside the egg and eaten straight from the shell in the Philippines, as well as "casu marzu," a Sardinian pecorino cheese infested by maggots.

Also included are items many Western visitors might not consider disgusting at all. Swedish visitors are surprised to find salty licorice, popular in Sweden but perceived as disgusting to many others.

American foods on display include Jell-O salad, made of gelatin and typically fruit; canned pork brains with milk gravy; and root beer, a sweet soft drink which Swedes say tastes like toothpaste.

"I think that by turning the lens onto ourselves, on Swedish or American food culture, we are saying, 'We treat everyone the same,'" West said.

West said he has managed only to sample about half of the more exotic collected consumables. Asked if he ever vomited while preparing the exhibition, he said, "Every day."

Some of the delicacies are so smelly they are kept in glass jars. At a museum preview last week, people took tentative sniffs of the displays before recoiling with grimaces.

"Real food in the museum setting can be a problem," said Andreas Ahrens, museum director and curator. "You have to change things pretty regularly. You have to make sure that it doesn't start to rot."

Or as West put it: "You can't leave bull testicles out for too long."

West, a clinical psychologist and researcher from California, was also the cre-

ator of the Museum of Failure, a successful showcase of products that failed with consumers. It also opened in Sweden and will be shown soon in Shanghai.

Hakan Jonsson, a Lund University ethnology professor who helped with research for the exhibition, said notions of what people find delicious and disgusting are already changing.

"A lot of big groups in (the) Western world are all of a sudden thinking 'Meat has become disgusting, something that I could never put into my mouth,'" he said. "And that is something quite new in the history here, where something considered as being normal, and prestigious, being the thing that you were aiming for Sunday, and all of a sudden that had become a matter of disgust for many people."

The Disgusting Food Museum is scheduled to run until Jan. 27, 2019, at the Slagthuset MMX in Malmo.

Museum organizers said the museum shop offers a selection of "unusual" drinks and snacks and promise a restaurant operating in the building is "not disgusting." □



In this photo taken on Sept. 22, 2018 a bowl of Natto a traditional Japanese food made from soybeans fermented with *Bacillus subtilis* var, on display at the Disgusting Food Museum, in Malmo, Sweden.

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